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## YANGTZE RIVER DISASTER.

### HSINTAMING SUNK IN COLLISION.

### PASSENGERS IN PANIC WHEN VESSELS CRASH.

### THREE HUNDRED DEAD

Shanghai, Feb. 20.  
The terrible disaster off Chinkiang when the a.s. Atsuta Maru was in collision with the a.s. Hsintaming, involving the loss of over three hundred lives in harrowing circumstances, is graphically described by the master of the Japanese steamer.

The Hsintaming sank in an hour, but rescue work was impossible owing to the panic which overcame the Chinese passengers. The master of the Atsuta Maru, a 1,300 tons steamer, states that the vessel was sailing down the river and had reached a point about 30 miles east of Chinkiang, when two small steamers were observed to be leaving the small river port, Taipingchow, and were making up river.

Attempt to Cross Bows.  
The second of the steamers, the ill-fated Hsintaming attempted to cross the bows of the Atsuta Maru. A collision seemed imminent and although the Japanese steamer reversed her engines, the Hsintaming, a 700 tonner, crashed into her port side, the Atsuta Maru being held.

The damage to the Chinese steamer was even more severe. Her bows were crushed below the water-line and she made water fairly rapidly.

### Majority Go Down With Vessel.

The Hsintaming floated for about an hour, but there were 550 Chinese passengers on board the vessel and a panic started which quickly spread throughout the men running about and interfering unintentionally with attempts at rescue.

A great many of the passengers jumped into the water, but the majority went down with the ill-fated steamer.

The Atsuta Maru and a number of junks rescued about a hundred of the victims of the disaster, but even of these a great many died of cold and exposure.

It is estimated that between 300 and 400 perished in the calamity.—*Reuter.*

## CUTTING DOWN THE CRUDE.

### SETTLING THE WORLD OIL DISPUTE.

London, Feb. 20.  
The Journal of Commerce publishes a statement to the effect that negotiations are being conducted for the purpose of restricting the production of crude oil.

The restriction is regarded as a preliminary to a settlement of world oil dispute, and follows a report that the Standard Oil Company was willing to earmark certain proceeds of the sale of Russian oil for the benefit of ex-owners of the wells who had been unable to obtain compensation.

The crude oil restriction measures will begin in Venezuela where the oil-wells belong to a few large producers who can easily agree to cut down the output.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## HANKOW ANTI-RED CAMPAIGN.

### WHOLESALE ARRESTS AND MANY EXECUTIONS.

Hankow, Feb. 20.  
A further 29 alleged Communists were executed to-day, while large numbers of prisoners rounded up in anti-Red raids are being held for trial.

Wholesale arrests still continue and the campaign, if anything, is more intensive than before.—*Reuter.*

## SWEEPING SOVIET PROPOSALS.

### COMPLETE DISARMAMENT IN FOUR YEARS.

### DRAFT TO LEAGUE.

Geneva, Feb. 20.  
The sittings of the Committee of Arbitration and Security, which are regarded as of extreme importance, have opened.

A representative of the Soviet Government, who was present as an observer, submitted to the League Secretariat, the draft Convention for General Disarmament based on the proposals of M. Litvinoff last year in December.—*Reuter.*

### Four Year Limit.

Moscow, Feb. 20.  
The draft of the Disarmament Convention sent to the League of Nations aims at general complete disarmament within four years, fifty per cent. of the demobilisation to take place the first year.

It also provides that the total destruction of all stores and arms, and the abolition of all the most important naval armaments and Air Forces and of all war institutions should be brought about in the following three years.

### International Commission.

The Soviet also proposes the establishment of a Permanent International Commission to control the Commission in each country. These regional Commissions will be charged with the execution of the Convention.

Representatives of the different Legislatures, of public organisations, and of the "working class" will, it is proposed, sit on the Regional Commissions.—*Reuter.*

## VICTIMS OF "RED" TERRORISM.

### PATHETIC APPEAL TO THE CANTON GOVERNMENT.

### REFUGEES AS BEGGARS

A pathetic appeal has been made by Chinese merchants of Hoifung and Lukfung, now in Hongkong, to the Canton Government, requesting help for the thousands of refugees from these districts at present in the Colony, at Shumchun, at Ping Woo, and at Canton.

The petition, which is signed by Messrs. Ho Che-keung, Chan Man-mong and many other Hoifung-Lukfung merchants, declares that these refugees, who have had to flee from Communist terrorism in their native districts, are in a most distressful condition and not a few of them have turned beggars. The petition asks the Canton Government:

1. To provide the refugees in Hongkong and the New Territory with free passages to Canton, where they should be fed and lodged at the expense of the Government;
2. To send delegates to Shumchun, Ping Woo and other districts on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway where there are many refugees, to see that they are properly clothed and fed;
3. To send a punitive expedition to Hoifung and Lukfung as soon as possible, with a view to exterminating the Communists, after which the Government should assist the people and guarantee them adequate means of protection from further "Red" terror.

### U. S. WAR HEROES.

### RELATIVES ENABLED TO VISIT GRAVES.

Washington, Feb. 20.  
The House of Representatives has passed a Bill to enable the widows and mothers of American soldiers killed in the War and buried in Europe to visit the graves at the Government expense.

Visits not exceeding three weeks may be made at any time in the course of the next three years.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### TO-DAY.

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## MURDER OF AGED WOMAN.

### CHINESE GIRL FOUND NOT GUILTY.

### ACQUITTED AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS TO-DAY.

The trial was concluded at the Criminal Sessions this morning of the Chinese girl, aged 17, who was charged with the murder of an old woman at Sai Wan, Cheung Chau, on December 21st. Accused was found not guilty and acquitted.

### JUDGE'S SUMMING-UP.

In his closing speech to the jury, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, who appears for the Crown, said the evidence presented many puzzling features. With regard to the girl making a report after the woman had been killed, Mr. Whyte Smith drew attention to the fact that the girl did not go to the first house and suggested that even if she had called out from the door of the house she lived in, she would most likely have been heard and received assistance.

### Absent Witnesses.

He also spoke of the gold ornament and reviewed the evidence of the witnesses who had been called for the Crown. With regard to the two men who had absconded—the description was perhaps rather harsh—they had not appeared at the Criminal Sessions and the evidence was missing.

He submitted that the accused left the house with a man shortly after the cries were heard, and pointed out that consideration should be given to the fact that there were bloodstains on a jacket worn by the girl.

Addressing the jury on behalf of the prisoner, Mr. Instone Brewer said the Crown had stressed the fact that the girl did not go to the nearest house to make a report. He suggested that the explanation was that the girl went to the first house where there was a married woman. She would not go to huts which were inhabited by bachelors of the coolie class.

### Shielding Some-One.

Mr. Brewer put forward a hypothetical case—that the crime had been committed by the man implicated by the girl in one of her statements. He suggested that the girl had been shielding someone and that the ornament was given away to make robbery appear to be the motive for the crime.

With regard to the two missing witnesses, the fact that they had not appeared tended to show that they were shielding someone. They were not present because they were afraid someone would get the truth out of them.

Mr. Brewer then dealt with the points raised by the Crown, on which its case rested, and said they could all be answered. He submitted that there was no evidence on which the jury could convict the girl, and asked for her acquittal.

### Unpleasant Duty.

In the course of a lengthy summing up, his Lordship, Mr. Justice Wood, said a most brutal murder had been committed and the jury were trying a girl on a charge of committing it. The consideration of the case was an unpleasant duty and he would ask them not to be influenced by the age of the accused.

Reviewing the evidence and the various statements made by the girl, his Lordship said the only sensible conclusion which could be come to was that both choppers were used in the attack on the old woman.

Continuing, his Lordship said there were reasons why the jury should not believe that the account of finding the pair of choppers was true. He suggested that there were grave reasons why they should not accept the whole of the prisoner's story, as finally told, as the true story. The first story might be explained by an

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## MUSSOLINI LIKES BIG FAMILIES.

### TAX EXEMPTION FOR FATHERS OR HEADS.

### ELECTORAL REFORM.

Rome, Feb. 20.  
The Council of Ministers, on the proposal of Signor Mussolini, has approved the Electoral Reform Bill, under which the kingdom will form a single Electoral College of Deputies to the number of 400 candidates to be proposed by the thirteen large national corporations and other organisations important to national life.

The names will be examined by the Grand Council of Fascism, which will be empowered to add to those selected, the names of men distinguished in science, literature, art and politics.

The Council also adopted the proposal of Signor Mussolini exempting from the payment of taxes, the fathers or heads of

## SENSATIONAL AFFAIR IN SHANGHAI.

### ROBBER BROUGHT TO BAY AND SHOT DOWN.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Feb. 21.  
Armed highway robbery in broad daylight in the Avenue Edward VII this morning, developed into another Sidney Street affair on a miniature scale.

A lone robber, held up a coolie employed by a well-known shipping firm and robbed him of a certain amount of money. Police whistles subsequently brought the robber to bay in the region.

All avenues of escape were closed up, but after over two hours, the robber was undetected.

Eventually he failed to stifle a cough, and his hiding-place in a doorway was discovered. A brief passage of arms followed, the robber being shot down severely wounded, though he may recover.

numerous families or dependents, who are employed by the State, the same exemption to apply to other male adults unemployed by the State on whom ten or more male children are dependent.—*Reuter.*

## PRESENTS EXCHANGED

### FUR COATS AND HORSES FOR CHIANG.

Shanghai, Feb. 21.

In return for Marshal Chiang's present to him and his officials, General Feng Yu-hsiang has made a present to Marshal Chiang Kalshak, including a thousand fur coats and 200 horses.

On requests by Marshal Yen Shi-an and General Feng Yu-hsiang, the Military Council at Nanking has decided to transfer part of the Nationalist forces now in Hunan to the Northern front, as the Hunan War has nearly come to an end.

All the Kuomintang forces have been moved to the Chochow (South-Western Shantung) and Taining (South Chihli) fronts, except the troops under General Yao Wei-chun, who has been instructed by Marshal Feng to take charge in the defence of Honan.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

## INDIAN AGITATION.

### SERIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS IN CALCUTTA.

Calcutta, Feb. 21.

Huge processions of volunteers carrying banners, "Go Back Simon" and "Boycott Foreign Goods Particularly Cloth" paraded north and south Calcutta this morning.

The Congress afterwards congregated and swore an oath not to wear British cloth till Swaraj is attained.—*Reuter.*

## EIGHT VILLAGES TO GO.

### SHING MUN VALLEY FLITTING.

### COSTS GOVERNMENT NEARLY THREE LAKHS.

Eight Chinese villages in the Shing Mun district, in which over 800 Hakks reside, have to be evacuated by reason of the land being needed in connexion with the big water works scheme across the harbour, and the manner in which new homes are being found for these people is fully set out in a sessional paper issued by the Government which is to be laid before the Legislative Council at its meeting on Thursday afternoon.

Free sites are to be provided, and the total cost to the Government will be \$299,898.78.

The villages affected are Shing Mun Lo Kwai, Pak Shek Wo, Pak Tau To, Shek Tau Kin, Fung Yung Shan, Nam Fong To, Tai Pei Lek and Ho Pui.

In all, there are about 855 Hakks living in these villages, most of whom have the surname Cheng, but amongst them also are some Cheung's, Ko's, Lo's, Tang's and Tsang's.

### The New Homes.

In a hollow in the hills about two miles broad by two and a half long, formed by Tai Mo Shan, Grassy Hill and Needle Hill, and sloping from Lead Mine Pass southwards to Pineapple Pass and Tsau Wan, the inhabitants of these villages own 180 acres of agricultural land, 1,180 acres of forestry rights and 42 acres of pine-forests.

The whole of this area will have to be evacuated, and after careful search in co-operation with the villagers, suitable sites have been found to accommodate them at Kam Tin, Wo Hop Shek, Nam Shui Po, Tsat Sing Kong, Ping Kong, Fung Yuen (Yue Kok), Shek Ku Lung, and Pan Chung, and to these it is proposed to move all the inhabitants of the Shing Mun valley above Pineapple Pass.

Details of the transfer are given in the sessional paper, and these show that the largest number (540) will move to Kam Tin. The cost of preparing the sites for the new villages is as follows:—Kam Tin, \$5,000; Tsat Sing Kong, \$1,300; Pan Chung, \$10,000; Shek Ku Lung, \$500; Ping Kong, \$1,000; Wo Hop Shek, \$1,700; Nam Shui Po, \$5,000; Fung Yuen, \$7,000; total \$31,500.

This work will be done exclusively by Government, and provision has been made in the 1928 Estimates to cover the expenditure.

The cost of making eight wells at Kam Tin, Pan Chung, Wo Hop Shek, Ping Kong, Yue Kok, Tsat Sing Kong and Nam Shui Po is \$2,400.

### Free Sites.

Free sites are given in exchange for land on which houses now stand and the question of compensation for building land resumed at Shing Mun should not arise. The existing dwellings at Shing Mun have been measured and it is necessary to provide for the erection of buildings of the same cubic content in the new villages subject only to approval of plans. It is proposed to allow the villagers to construct their own houses, Government paying for (1) dwellings, by contract (contractors engaged by villagers) as the work proceeds, at a flat rate of 12 cents per cubic foot; (2) outhouses, roughly constructed by the villagers themselves, at their value as they now stand in Shing Mun.

There being now 200 dwellings, this works out roughly at \$850 a house including temples, and should ensure a good type of building throughout.

Details are given of agricultural resumptions, and it is stated that in default of exchanges, as there is very little uncultivated agricultural land in the vicinity of the new villages, cash compensation will be paid, to enable the villagers themselves to purchase privately-owned land in place of their old holdings.

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## ARCTIC ISLAND DISCOVERY.

### TWICE ELUDES BRITISH SEARCH PARTIES.

### NORWEGIAN CLAIM.

London, Feb. 20.  
Viscount Sandon, in the House of Commons, asked the Foreign Secretary what information he had regarding the existence, denied by Norwegian whalers, of the whereabouts of Thompson Island, claimed by this country, and what was the position as to the rival claims of the British Government and the Norwegian Government to Bouvet Island.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that Thompson Island was first discovered by Captain Norris in December, 1825, and had only once been sighted since, namely by Captain Fuller, an American Seaman, in 1893.

The island was unsuccessfully searched for in 1898, and in 1926, but in view of Captain Norris's definite statement, and the confirmation afforded by Captain Fuller, there appeared to be no ground for questioning its existence, although there was some degree of uncertainty regarding its position.

The British Government had informed the Norwegian Government that they considered the title acquired by virtue of the occupation of Bouvet Island by Captain Norris in 1825, to be valid, and that in the circumstances they must formally reserve all their rights in connexion with that island.—*British Wireless.*

## EARL OF OXFORD'S FUNERAL.

### SIMPLE CEREMONY IN VILLAGE CHURCHYARD.

### NUMEROUS TRIBUTES.

London, Feb. 20.  
The remains of the late Earl of Oxford and Asquith were interred to-day in the churchyard of Sutton Courtenay, in Berkshire, with a ceremony as simple as has ever attended the funeral of a great statesman.

Members of the family, personal friends, and humble servants of the deceased were the mourners, and the rest of the congregation consisted of people of the village in whose midst the Earl of Oxford had spent his days of leisure for many years. Personal friends included Sir James Barrie, Mr. Augustin Birrell, Lord Reading and Lord Buckmaster.

The many floral tributes which lay around the coffin, however, betokened a wide acknowledgement of the Earl of Oxford's public services. There were wreaths from the King of the Belgians, from the Dominions Overseas, from liberal organisations, and from former political adversaries, including Mr. Baldwin, the Prime Minister.

Lord Oxford was buried near a soldier whose grave was marked only by a wooden cross. The Bishop of Oxford conducted the service, and hymns were sung by the choir of New College, Oxford.—*British Wireless.*

## ICE JAM FORMS DAM ON KUBAN RIVER.

### SERIOUS DANGER OF FLOODING IN THE REGION.

Moscow, Feb. 20.  
A large ice jam in the Kuban River near Krashoder has caused the flooding of about 80,000 acres. The waters are rising steadily and the situation is regarded as extremely dangerous.—*Reuter.*

## PAN-AMERICAN UNION.

### CONVENTION UNANIMOUSLY SIGNED.

Havana, Feb. 20.  
All the heads of the respective delegations to the Pan-American Conference have signed the Convention for the re-organisation of the Pan-American Union, in respect of its governing board and general activities.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## RUBBER INDUSTRY ALARM.

### RESTRICTION SCHEME FEARS.

### REPORT WHEN PLANTATIONS HAVE GONE?

London, Feb. 20.  
Mr. Stanley Baldwin, answering a question in the House of Commons to-day, acknowledged receipt of a communication from the Rubber Trade Association with regard to allowing the present restriction scheme to remain in force until October 31st.

The Premier pointed out that in accordance with the notice issued by the Colonial Office on February 1st, the scheme could not be changed for at least three months from that date, and he gave the assurance that when the Government took a decision on the Committee's report, it would have full regard to the character and time of any public announcement and to the British interests involved.

He was not yet in a position to say when the Committee would make its report, and he emphasised that in such matters, there must be a certain amount of uncertainty, whatever date was fixed.

### Reply Hardly Needed.

Mr. Austin Hopkinson (Ind.) asked if the Committee would report before the whole of the plantations "passed into foreign ownership. No reply was given."

### Considered Policy.

The Rubber Growers' Association has issued a statement urging that any radical or hurried departure from the existing conditions in the industry, would be fraught with grave danger of serious loss to all concerned.

The statement adds it is less important to go into details than to adopt a considered policy which when decided shall govern the situation for an agreed term of years.—*Reuter.*

### No American Representations.

London, Feb. 20.  
In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked whether any communications had passed between the British and United States Governments within the past two months on the subject of the rubber restriction scheme. He replied in the negative.—*British Wireless.*

## ARBITRATOR'S AWARD REJECTED.

### GERMAN METAL WORKERS DISPUTE.

Berlin, Feb. 20.  
The delegates of the Central German Metalworkers' Union having declined, together with the Association of German Metal Manufacturers, to accept the arbitrator's award, granting the workers an increase of 5 pence an hour, the Ministry of Labour has invited both parties to a joint conference to be held on February 21st, when it will be decided whether the award will be made obligatory.—*Reuter.*

## NURSE CAVELL FILM BANNED.

### BOARD OF CENSORS DECLINE SANCTION.

London, Feb. 20.  
The British Board of Film Censors has declined to sanction the exhibition of the Nurse Cavell war film "Dawn," about which there has been much controversy recently.—*Reuter.*

## NEW WIRELESS TELEPHONE.

Washington, Feb. 20.  
Wireless telephonic communication between Washington and Stockholm was opened to-day with an exchange of congratulations between Mr. Frank B. Kellogg at Washington, and the Crown Prince of Sweden at Stockholm.—*Reuter.*



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## Y.M.C. DEBATE.

### UNIVERSITY EDUCATION DISCUSSED.

At St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club last night the motion was debated "That a University education is not a necessary prelude to a successful career." The motion did not create a lot of discussion and was eventually defeated by 15 votes to ten.

In moving the motion Mr. R. H. Hollis remarked that if such education was necessary to success then even a bar boy should have a degree. Taking the case of Gene Tunney, the world's heavy-weight champion boxer, Mr. Hollis pointed out that Tunney had never been through a university and if money was a judge that a man had spent a successful career, then Tunney was such a man. A university education, he maintained, was a hindrance to a successful business career as business men required a tenacity of purpose, and a university did not give that. Such an education was of too broad a character to enable a man to work for one purpose in life.

In opposing the motion the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, M. A., argued on the example that Mr. Hollis had taken. If boxing could be a successful career, he said, so a pirate chief could make a success of his trade. Could that be called a successful career, he asked? He (the speaker) would certainly not be on that side. Remarking that the same applied to pickpockets, the speaker contended that money was no way of judging success. According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, of every ten successful men, seven had had a university education. Politicians must be well educated. The Labour movement in London failed because an educated leader was lacking. University education was essential to doctors and lawyers, and the same applied to clergy and engineers.

Seconding the motion Mr. A. J. May, A.R.I.B.A., said he was not speaking against education in general but against the necessity of a university education. In support of the motion he mentioned Shakespeare, Sir Walter Raleigh, Oliver Cromwell, whom he described as being the type of man needed in China to-day, and James Watt. All of those men, he said, with one exception had not been given a university education and yet they had left their mark in history. The exception was Sir Walter Raleigh, who was at a university for only a short time, and found it was not benefitting him.

The opposition was seconded by Miss M. M. Clark who said that a university education was the first rung in the ladder of success. It trained the mind to a wide reasoning and without such education one could not cope with life's problems as they should be coped with. If one could not deal with life's problems then one could not be considered a success.

### SIMON COMMISSION WELCOMED.

#### CALCUTTA IN HAPPY MOOD.

Calcutta, Feb. 20.

European and Indian officials and non-officials, also representatives of the Moslem, Marwari and Anglo-Indian depressed classes and communities welcomed the Simon Commission and garlanded the commissioners, who drove to Government House.

The only evidence of hostility was a single banner inscribed "Simon Go Back."

Interviewed later Sir John Simon referred to the Assembly's boycott motion as a misfortune but did not think the majority of six decided the issue for All-India or for all time. He added that the Commission had its own plans and would carry through its work to the real advantage of India.—*Reuter.*

## SEVEN YEARS HARD.

### ANOTHER CHARGED IN DECEMBER AFFAIR.

Another of the men arrested during the affray between police and armed robbers in the early morning of December 7 appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. Named Chu Chien he is charged with committing a robbery, with others, at a restaurant carrying on business at 160, Queen's Road West, with shooting at a Chinese constable with intent to maim, disfigure or disable him and to evade arrest, and with being in possession of a pistol and 199 rounds of ammunition without a licence or lawful authority.

Detective Inspector Lane spoke of taking over the case, saying that he was handed a revolver containing five rounds, four being live. Witness also spoke of the prisoner being picked out at identification parades.

An interpreter gave evidence with regard to the prisoner's statements which he made at the police station. The prisoner admitted these statements.

#### Prisoner's Story.

This closed the case for the Crown and the prisoner elected to tell his story from the witness box. He said he had two businesses, one being a medicine shop at Sai Ying Pun, West Point, and the other a clock and watch makers' shop in Queen's Road East, Wanchai. "I made a mistake on this occasion, being induced by a friend of mine."

On the evening preceding the affray, prisoner continued, he went to see a man named Chan Tsai-kee, where he played Mah Jongg until a little after one o'clock in the morning. When he left the house he met a man named Chan Yau, who asked him to go and have some supper. Chan Yau took him to a latrine near the Chinese recreation ground, where he produced a firearm and handed it to prisoner, asking him to keep it for a while.

They then went to the restaurant and had supper, incurring a bill for 30 cents. Prisoner said he did not know that Chan Yau's intention was to rob the restaurant. Prisoner paid the money for the food and intended to go away, but Chan Yau pulled him back. The other men produced revolvers and tied the people up. Prisoner did not know how much money was taken and denied that he took part in the robbing of the restaurant.

They all left the restaurant after staying 20 or 25 minutes when prisoner handed the revolver back to Chan Yau who, however, refused to take it and ordered him to "go ahead."

#### Shooting Denied.

When they reached the fruit market they met four or five policemen who came to search them. Prisoner put up his hands on being told to do so and three of the policemen threw their arms round him and took his gun away. Then Chan Yau, who was wearing a long coat, fired at the police. Prisoner was then arrested and was taken to the police station.

His Lordship asked prisoner how he explained the fact that, if he did not fire, yet there was one discharged cartridge in his revolver.

Prisoner replied the only explanation he could give was that during the struggle between Chan Yau and the police, which was after his (prisoner's) revolver had been taken from him, the revolver was discharged.

Prisoner was cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy at length but still denied taking a part in the robbery. He denied drawing his revolver when tackled by the police and added that one of the policemen must have taken the revolver from his pocket.

Prisoner said, in answer to other questions, that include among his belongings were \$30 odd in money

## FATHER AND SON.

### CHARGED WITH RECEIVING STOLEN PIECEGOODS.

Six Chinese appeared before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon on charges of receiving, arising from the theft of goods from a number of piece-goods shops in the City. It was proposed by the police to use the evidence of four of these men in proceedings against the remaining two men, Kwan To and Kwan King, father and son, who were defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Detective Sergeant A. V. Baker deposed that at half-past-one in the early morning of the 6th instant, by virtue of a warrant, he raided the third-floor of No. 99 Wellington Street, where he found the older Kwan lying asleep on a bed. The bed was turned over and amongst the articles found in a cash box were a piece of cloth, two dry cleaning tickets and 35 pawn tickets relating to goods pawned during the last two months. The prisoner was also wearing a jersey, now produced as one of the lot of 40 jerseys reported to have been stolen from a piece-goods shop.

The younger Kwan was lying asleep in a cubicle, which, when searched, was also found to contain several other pieces of cloth. When being interrogated after being taken to the Police Station, this defendant admitted he had a number of other jerseys in the house, which were overlooked during the raid, and a constable was sent out to seize these as well.

Evidence was given by several dealers in silk and piece goods to the effect that robberies had occurred at their shops within the last two months. Each one of the witnesses identified some articles, produced by the police, as being their property.

A painter who lived at 99 Wellington Street said he and the younger defendant were both employed by a certain electric company and that they usually left the house at about six in the morning every day. This witness recalled one occasion when he was awakened by someone who called on the older defendant at a very early hour, about a fortnight ago, to negotiate the sale of some cloth.

One of the four remaining defendants was next called and after pleading guilty to certain thefts stated that he remembered some of his accomplices taking the stolen property to No. 99 Wellington Street. The witness said that he had never sold anything to either of the defendants, but gave the name of one of the accomplices who acted as a salesman on behalf of his gang.

The hearing will be continued on Thursday afternoon, the prosecution indicating to his Worship that they have further witnesses to call.

A gold ring, which was taken from him by the three Indian constables who took him to the police station. He denied that only two constables took him to the police station.

His Lordship summed up briefly after which the jury retired for a period of ten minutes. On returning they brought in a verdict of "Guilty" on all three counts.

#### Imprisonment And "Cat."

After remarking that he agreed with the verdict, his Lordship went on to say it was impossible for any reasonable person to believe the prisoner's account as to what happened in the restaurant. It was quite clear to him, (his Lordship), that the prisoner took part in the robbery and it was also apparent that he was a dangerous person. When he met the police he knew that he had no right to carry a revolver and that when he was searched he fired at the police. That clearly showed that he was prepared to do anything in the commission of offences.

His Lordship concluded that he would have to deal very seriously with the prisoner. The sentence of the court was seven years' with hard labour and, in addition, 20 strokes with the cat.



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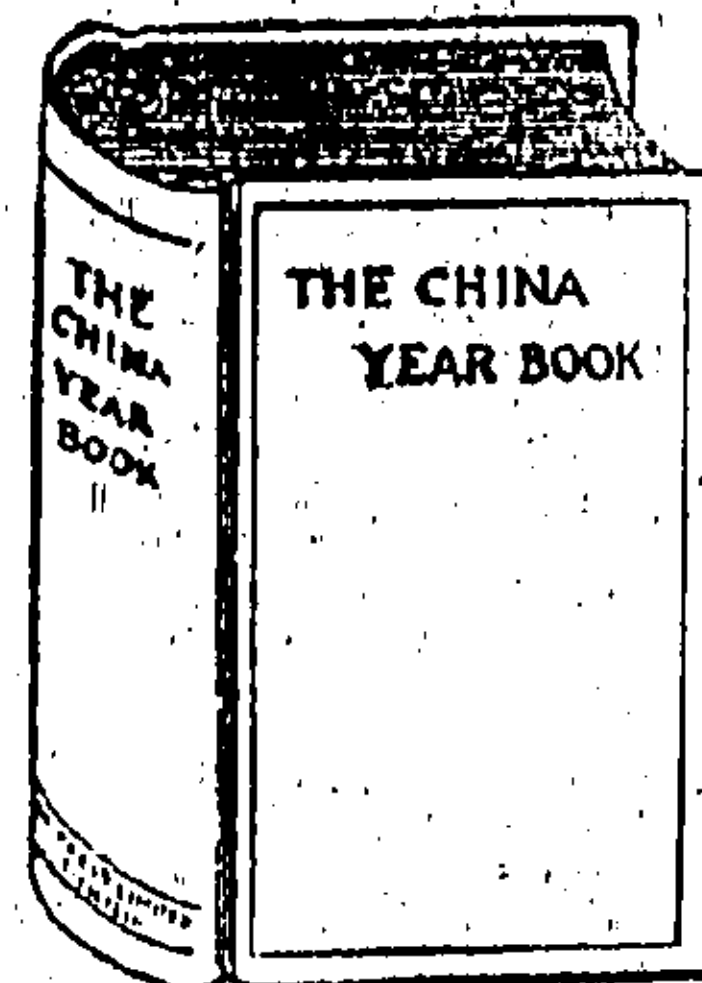
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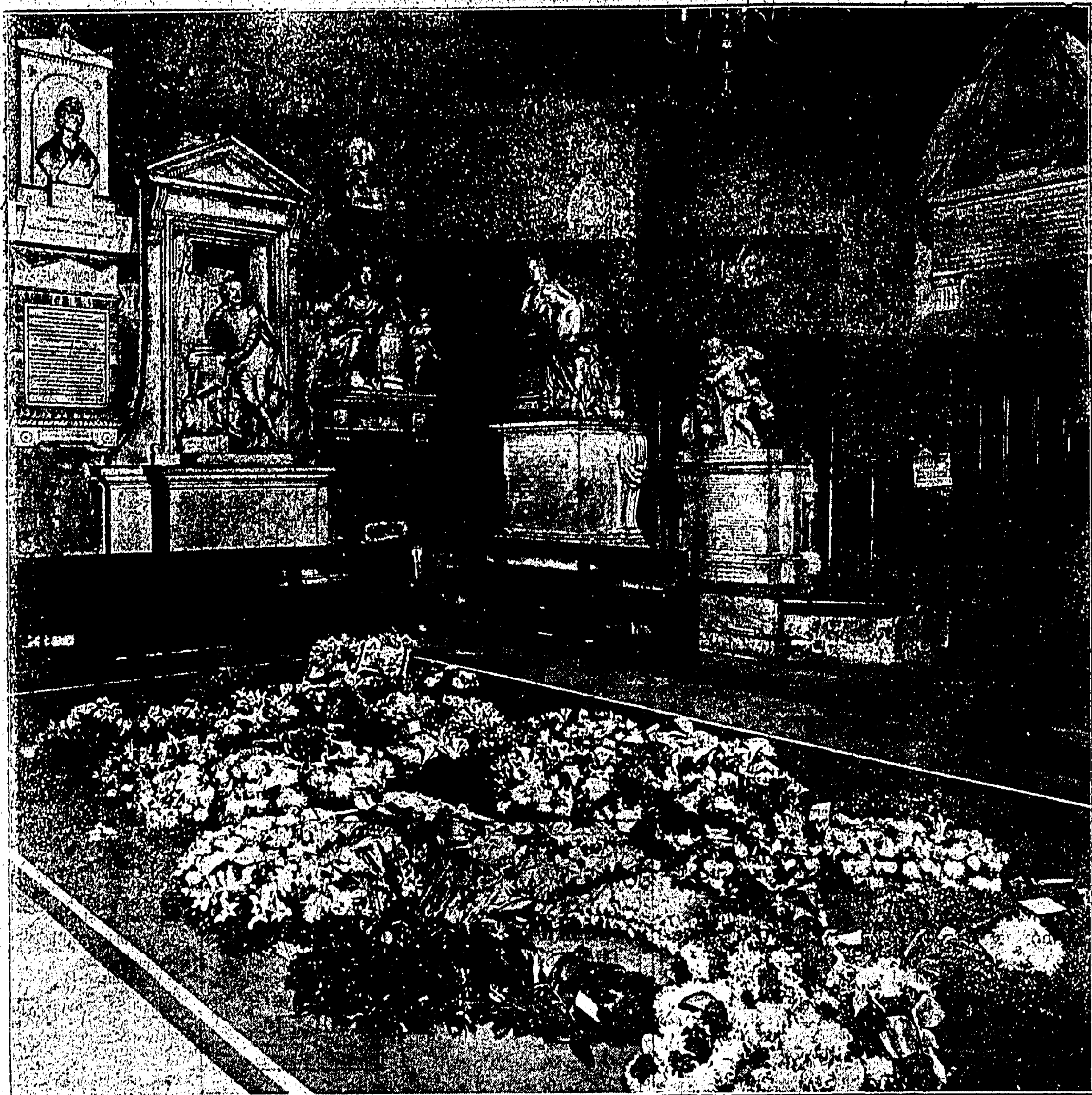
## Obedient Orders



## By Small







The wreath-covered tomb in the South Transept of Westminster Abbey, where the ashes of Mr. Thomas Hardy were laid. Our photograph was taken shortly after the simple funeral ceremony celebrated by the Dean Dr. Foxley Norris. The ten pall-bearers, whose presence symbolized the homage of the nation, were the Prime Minister (Mr. Stanley Baldwin), Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Rudyard Kipling, Sir James Barrie, Mr. Bernard Shaw, Sir Edmund Gosse, Mr. A. E. Housman, Mr. John Galsworthy, the Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and the Pro-Vost of Queen's College, Oxford.



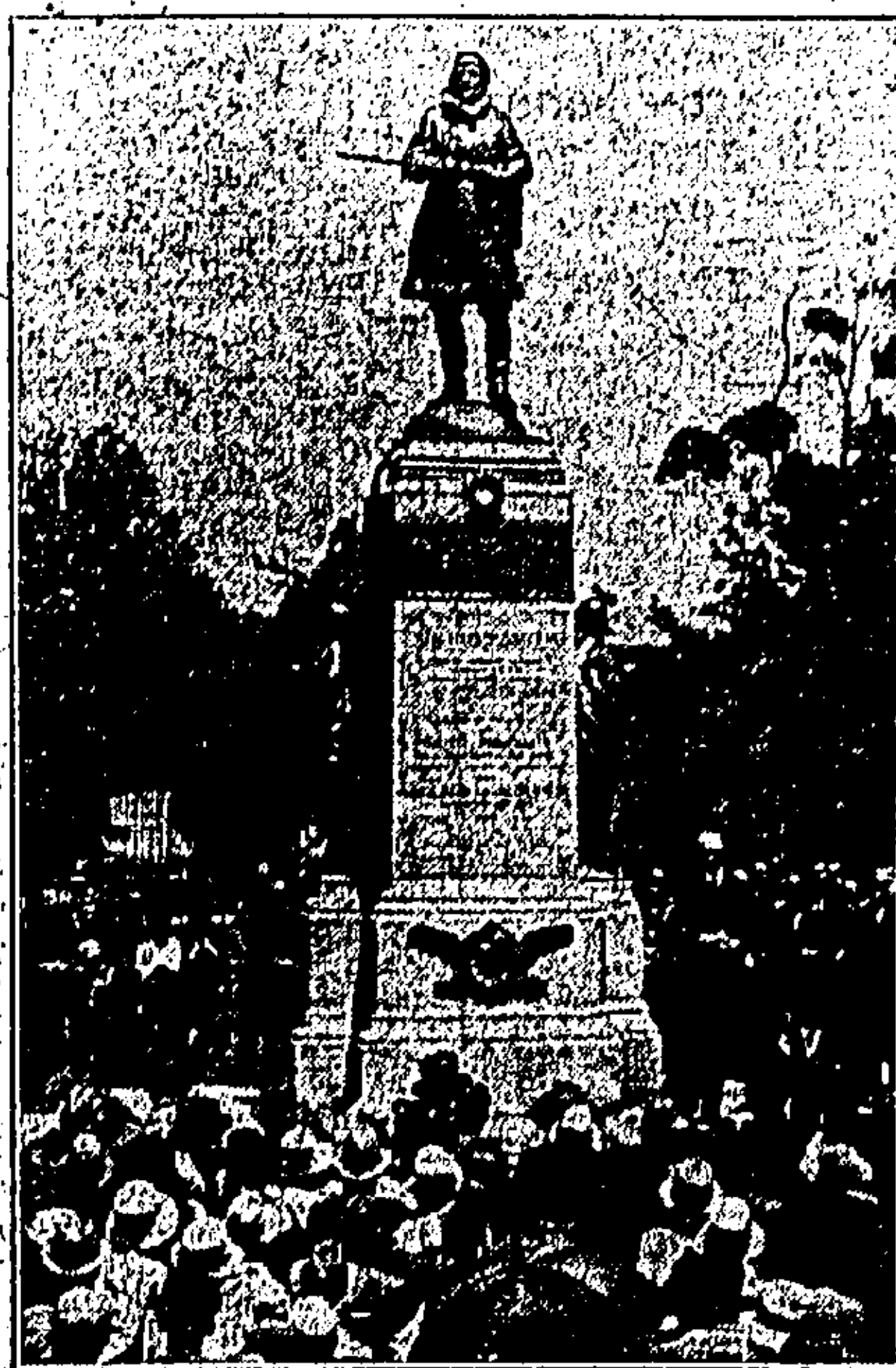
Group taken at the recent wedding at St. Joseph's Church, Hongkong, of Mr. T. W. Doyle the well-known jockey and Miss Alyce Hart Brennan.



We don't know whether this Shanghai man felt embarrassed. The picture was taken at a party in the Northern port.

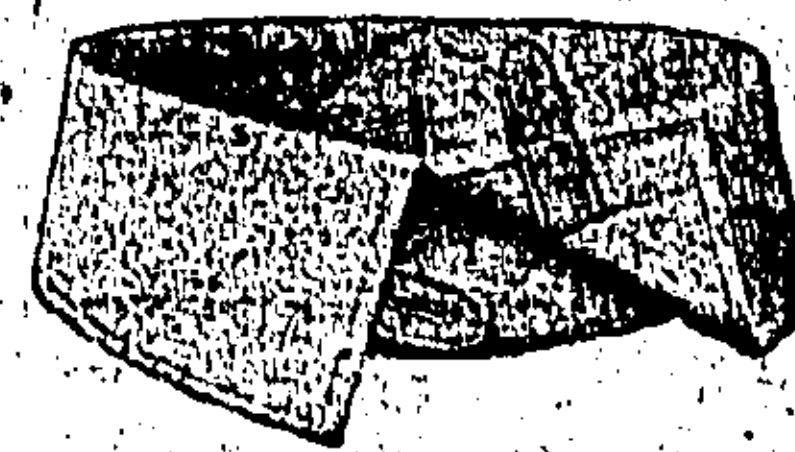


One of the diversions offered to troops in the north is that of learning to skate. Some of the Legation Guard are seen above trying their skill at a new sport.



Sir George Murray, Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia, speaking after he had unveiled the statue of the late Sir Ross Smith in the Municipal Gardens at Adelaide. It is the work of Mr. Brook Hitch.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 13th February to Saturday the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors  
A. C. HYNES,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1928.

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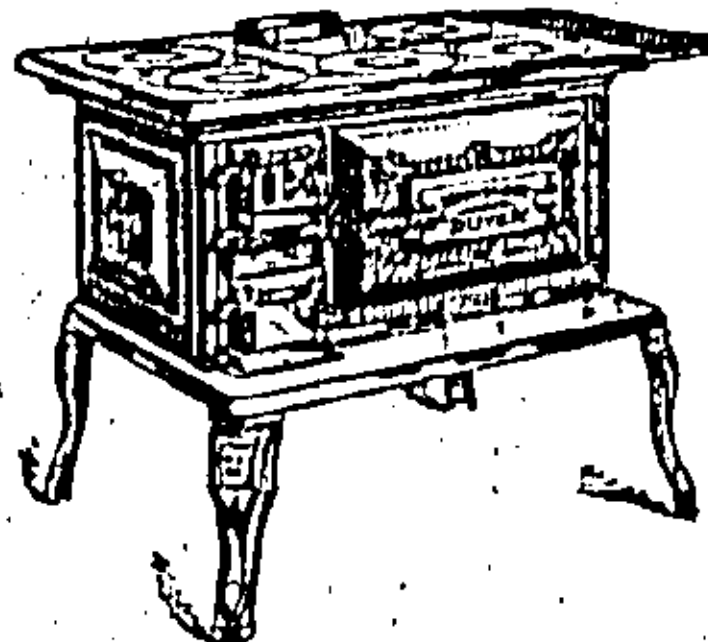
#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4A, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th February, to TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order  
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**JOHN ARNOLD,**  
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Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

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The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis at \$5.00 each up to Friday 24th February, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00.—Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge. Book-makers, Tic Tac men, etc., etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during Race Meetings.

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The United States Shipping Board to-day announced the sale of its three remaining Pacific cargo lines.

The American Australia Orient line was sold to the Matson Navigation Company and the American Hawaiian Steamship Company for \$1,931,765.

The eleven vessels of the Oregon Oriental line were sold to Mr. K. D. Dawson, of Portland, Ore., for \$1,065,000.

The American Oriental Mail, the only line on which two bids were received, was sold to the Tacoma Oriental Steamship Company for \$606,906. The eastern division of the Admiral Oriental Line, owned by the Dollar Line, made an unsuccessful bid of \$670,357.

Paris, Jan. 20.—M. Moatti, described as a Director of the Societe Fonciere de Calvados, Mlle. Montel, his secretary, and M. Mantel, a cashier, have been ordered by the Examining Magistrate to appear before the Correctional Tribunal on the charge of having defrauded a London bank of 8,000,000 francs (over £60,000) by means of fraudulent letters of transfer.

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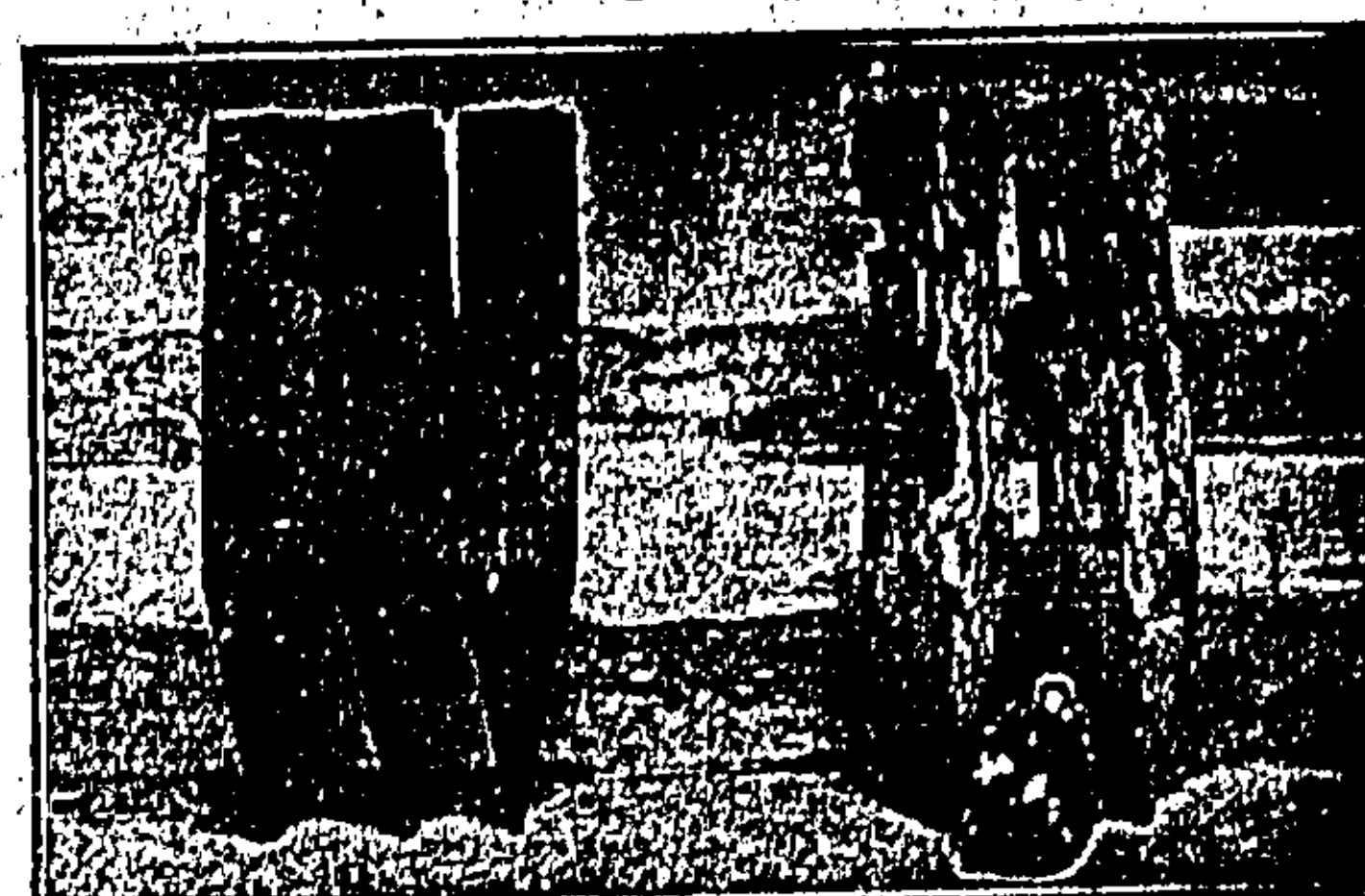
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#### U.S. PLAYWRIGHT ARRESTED.

#### ALLEGED FORGERY AT SHANGHAI.

Vancouver, Feb. 13.  
At the request of the United States Department of Justice, provincial police to-day arrested William Preston Gibson, a playwright of Washington, D. C., on a charge of forgery alleged to have been committed in Shanghai. Gibson was taken into custody upon his arrival at Victoria from Shanghai, aboard the Empress of Asia.

The forgery charge was filed against Gibson in the American Court at Shanghai several days ago. It was alleged that a \$200 draft which was endorsed for him by Col. Henry Davis, commander of the United States Marines there, had been raised to \$3,200 when it was presented at the bank. In addition, it was charged that the playwright gave a number of worthless cheques to Shanghai firms and hotels.

Three members of a reactionary Circassian band, led by Hadji Samy, who landed on the Smyrna coast from Samos with the object of making an attempt on the lives of Turkish leaders at Angora, were hanged on the bridge-head at Stambul. A crowd of sightseers witnessed the spectacle.

### SHARE PRICES.

#### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

##### Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1265 ss.  
Chartered Bank, \$211 b.  
Mercantile A. & B., \$321 n.  
P. and O. \$10 n.  
East Asia, \$671 b. K. Div.

##### Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$627 b.  
Union Ins., \$313 b.  
North China, Ins., Tls. 148 n.  
Yangtze Ins., \$401 b.  
China Underwriters, \$21 n.  
China Fires, \$215 n.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$685 b.

##### Shipping.

Douglases, \$43 b.  
H. K. Steamboats, \$27 b.  
H. K. Tugs, \$2.90 n.  
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$301 b.  
Shell Trans., \$5/- n.  
Union Waterboats, \$17 b.

##### Mining.

Bongusta, \$21 n.  
Kallans, \$6/- b.  
Langkats, Tls. \$182 b.  
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.65 n.  
Rauha, \$42 b.  
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

##### Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$153 n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$481 b.  
China Providents, \$6 b.  
Hongkows, Tls. 163 b.  
New Engineerings, Tls. 5 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 27 b.

##### Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.60 n.  
Orientals, Tls. 2 b.  
Shai Cottons, Tls. 48 (old) b.

##### Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$8.65 b.  
H. K. Lands, \$654 ss.  
Shai Lands Tls. \$137 b.  
Humphreys, \$141 b.  
Realities, \$8.00 b.  
Territorials, \$11 n.

##### Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$26 b.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 n.  
Star Ferries, \$631 ss.  
China Lights, (Comb.) \$161 n.  
H'kong Electric, \$74 ss.  
Macao Electric, \$21 n.  
Telephones \$4.30 n.  
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.  
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

##### Industrials.

China Sugars, \$10 n.  
Malabons, \$271 n.  
Canton Icos, \$4 b.  
Coments (Comb.) \$11.60 b.  
Ropes (Old) \$91 ss.  
United Asbestos \$10 n.

##### Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$191 b.  
Watsons, \$12.30 b.  
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.  
Lano Crawford, \$3.10 n.  
Mackintosh, \$22 n.  
Sinceres, \$9 b.  
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

##### Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$29 b.  
Constructions, \$11 n.  
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 56% b.  
H. K. G. Loan, 5% Prem.

A man found dead in the sea near Fishguard breakwater had a motor-cycle tube round his foot and inside the tube were dance shoes, a light Mackintosh overcoat, light tweed cap, silk collar, and a £1 Treasury note.

### LETTER GOLF.

The worm turns, they say, but the early bird catches it just the same. From BIRD to WORM is four strokes.

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W	O	R	M

1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and to it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.  
One solution is printed on another page of this issue.



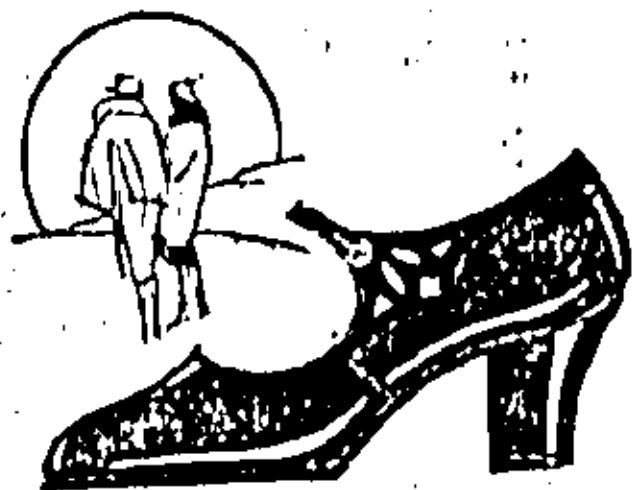
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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY  
ASSURED.NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT'S  
DECISION.

Shanghai, Feb. 14.  
The Nationalist Government to-day took a further step toward guaranteeing religious liberty in China by promulgating a mandate forbidding Chinese to use Soviet coined slogans such as "Down with Christianity and other religions," "Religion is the opiate of people," etc.

While the Chinese Republican Constitution provides religious liberty in China the clause has been largely inoperative since the introduction of Soviet influence in the Nationalist movement which resulted in driving most American and other foreign Protestant missionaries from the interior of China and in wholesale persecution of the Chinese Christians.

Several weeks ago the Nationalist Government passed an ordinance reaffirming religious liberty and invited American and other foreign missionaries to resume their posts in the interior.

To-day's action, it is hoped, will be effective in preventing anti-Christian agitation which is still prevalent in the interior among the uneducated classes.

Many American missionaries are now resuming their posts in the Yangtze valley provinces but the leaders of the American mission board are following the principle of not sending missionaries to the interior except upon the invitations extended by Chinese Christian bodies which have continued activities since the evacuation of the American missionaries last spring.

## QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"THE LITTLE FRENCH GIRL"  
TO-DAY.

The new picture at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow is the screen version of Anne Douglas Sedgwick's novel, "The Little French Girl," which caused a sensation in the world of fiction. Herbert Brenon, who produced "Ben Hur" and "Peter Pan," directed the production, which features Alice Joyce, Neil Hamilton, Mary Brian and Esther Rialson.

The story is one of Aliz Vervier, the little French girl, whose mother's mode of life makes a suitable marriage impossible for her in France. She goes to the home of friends in England. How she finally finds happiness in spite of the past and differences in social standards between the two countries makes "The Little French Girl" an extremely interesting film. Cinema-goers should note that there will be no 5.15 movie performance in the Queen's Theatre to-morrow afternoon, as Miss Violet Capell's pupils are giving a dancing display at that time.

## "THE BAT."

THRILLING PICTURE AT THE  
STAR.

One of the best mystery films yet shown in Hongkong is being screened at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. This is "The Bat," which is based on the stage play by Mary Roberts Rhinehart and Avery Hopwood. The story begins with the attempt of a diabolical criminal known as "The Bat" to rob a bank. When he arrives to carry out his scheme he finds that someone has already rifled the safe. "The Bat" sets out to rob the robber and the pursuit leads to a haunted house where many sensational developments take place.

The leading players in "The Bat" are Jewel Carmen, Jack Pickford and Louise Fazenda. K. Sojin, the Oriental actor who played a big part in "The Chinese Parrot," heads the supporting cast.

## London Gossip.

[BY "JOAN"]

London, Jan. 16.  
To celebrate his 23rd birthday, Cecil Beaton gives a cocktail party to-day in Sussex Gardens.

This artist-designer photographer is off to the Riviera with his mother. Before going he has finished drawings for the "Fashions of the Future," which will be seen at the "Dream of Fair Women" Pageant at Claridge's towards the end of February.

This entertainment is in aid of the Winter Distress League, and Lady Plunket is inviting the young members of society to represent the fashionable caprice of women from pre-historic times to a quarter of a century hence.

## Witty Attire.

Mr. Beaton murmured to me about his plans for these frocks of the future.

"Woman's next idea will be to dress with humour. They like to be witty about their clothes. They like to be daring."

"Colours will be startling and contrasting. I believe, too, that they will achieve effect from inexpensive stuffs, and I am sure that oilcloth will be worn a great deal. It is cheap and practical. Then, too, the tendency is to wear as little as propriety and our climate allow."

## A New Peeress.

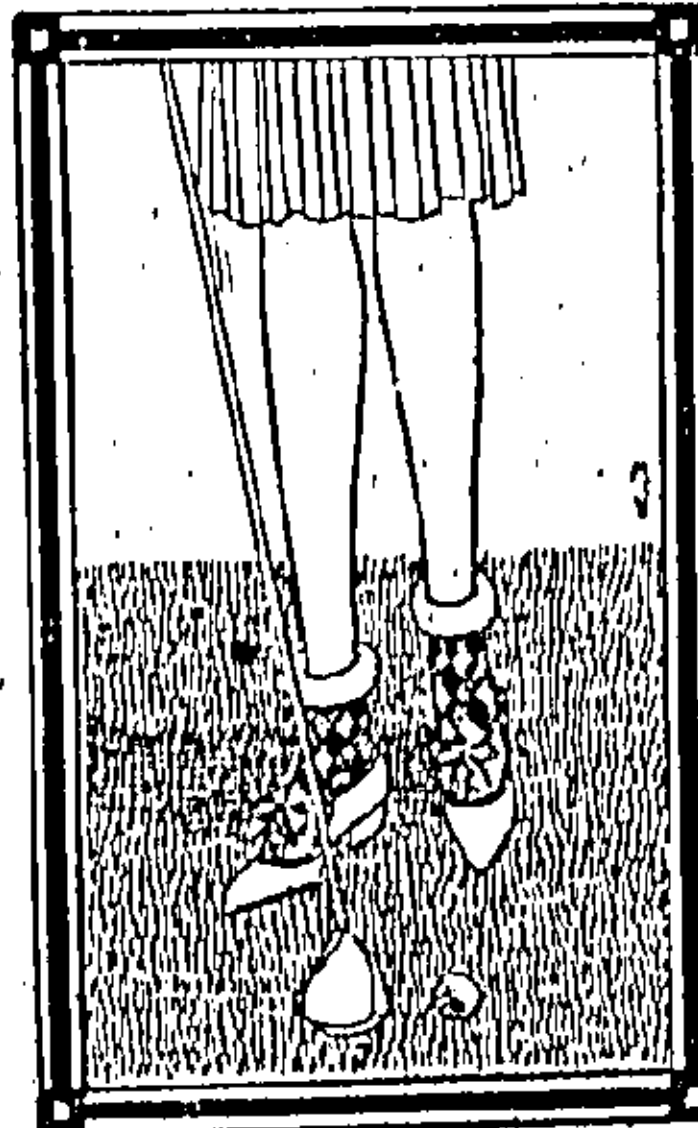
Lady Lugard, whose husband was formerly Governor in Hongkong, and who was recently raised to the Peerage, was, as Miss Flora Shaw, the most famous woman journalist Britain has yet produced. She was not only a very competent and occasionally brilliant writer. She was also a very competent hunter of news.

She was the only woman Cecil Rhodes ever became very friendly with. He trusted her with his secrets. He told her his plans. When the Jameson Raid took place she knew all about it beforehand, and kept the people in this country informed of its progress. Journalism was the poorer when she married and gave it up.

## A Film Anthology.

Young Robert Herring, formerly of Kings' Cambridge, is bringing out an anthology of the moving picture called "Films of 1927." The book will be profusely illustrated and contain the comments

## Smart Socklets.



The modern golfer has appropriated the Alpine climbers' woolen socklets, wearing them in harmonizing colours with her costume.

## Platinum Find.

BIG QUANTITIES IN SIERRA  
LEONE.

Investigations in Sierra Leone by the director of the geosocial survey, Major N. R. Junner, have revealed the existence of a

## A House Froek.



This distinctive house-frock is developed in coffee-coloured crepe de chine, with collar and cuffs of shell-pink georgette. The touches of gauging on the cascade draperies on both bodice and skirt are interesting features.

platinum-bearing area about 40 square miles in extent. The deposits are alluvial, and states the Colonial Office, are likely to be of considerable importance.

One nugget of platinum, weighing 4½ dwts., and some smaller grains, found by Major Junner, have been presented to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

An analysis made by the Imperial Institute shows that the platinum compares very favourably in composition with that from the Urals and from South Africa.

of this zealous supporter of the cinema.

I imagine the young author is selecting "Faust," "The Marriage of the Bear," and "The Waltz Dream" as the best of the year, and his views should prove of real interest.

## Concerning the Cinema.

There is no doubt about Mr. Herring's seriousness about the cinema. He tells me he is going to Switzerland to join a group

## Decorative Screens.

## ADD BEAUTY TO A ROOM.

The charm and utility of screens in the home has been appreciated through the centuries, and, once again the artistic screen is a prominent feature in the up-to-the-minute scheme of house furnishing.

Many of us could unearth an old three or four-fold screen from the dusty recesses of our storage cupboards, and if we can, and will apply a little ingenuity to the furnishing of it, we can have a pretty addition to the home at very little cost.

A screen made of canvas is easily repainted and even if we can lay no claim to being artists, this is a job we can easily manage. A screen which has to go in a room already sporting a colour scheme could be painted to tone with these colours, or, a successful alternative idea lies in a pot of gold paint. A screen with a gold background could have flowers, birds or some other decorative pattern stencilled upon it, to introduce touches of bright colour.

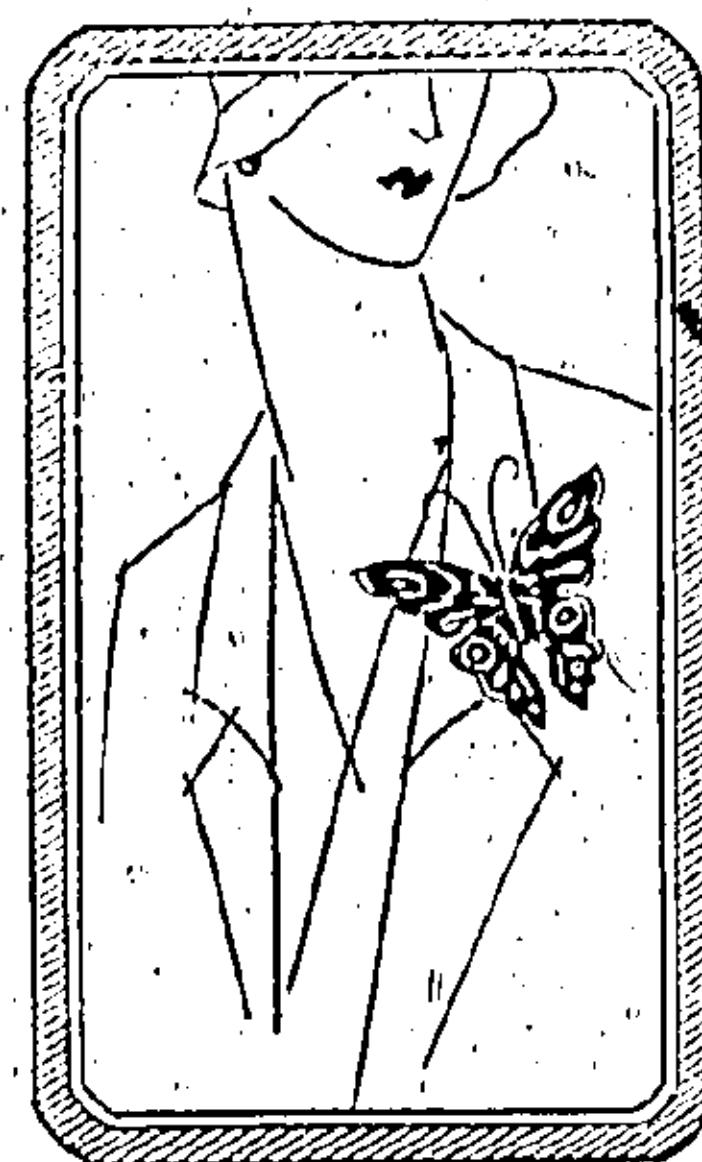
Another method of rejuvenating an old screen is to cut lengths of black repp, the size of each screen-fold—allowing half an inch all round for fixing on afterwards—and then cut out from odd pieces of cretonne, flowers or birds which can be neatly applied by needle on to the repp. The artistic eye could see limitless opportunities here for pretty schemes. The lengths of material can be fixed to the structure of the screen with tiny black-headed drawing pins, and the pieces allowed for turnings can be neatly folded under so that the result is tidy as well as artistic.

A screen at the head of the bed, or a screen in the drawing-room, to keep draughts from the settee or lounge chair, is always a happy addition, and if we have a standard lamp which can be placed near the screen so that the colours are thrown into relief in artificial light, the effect is even more beautiful.

"whose belief in the cinema is leading them to make themselves the kind of film they want to see made, instead of putting up with the banalities they are given."

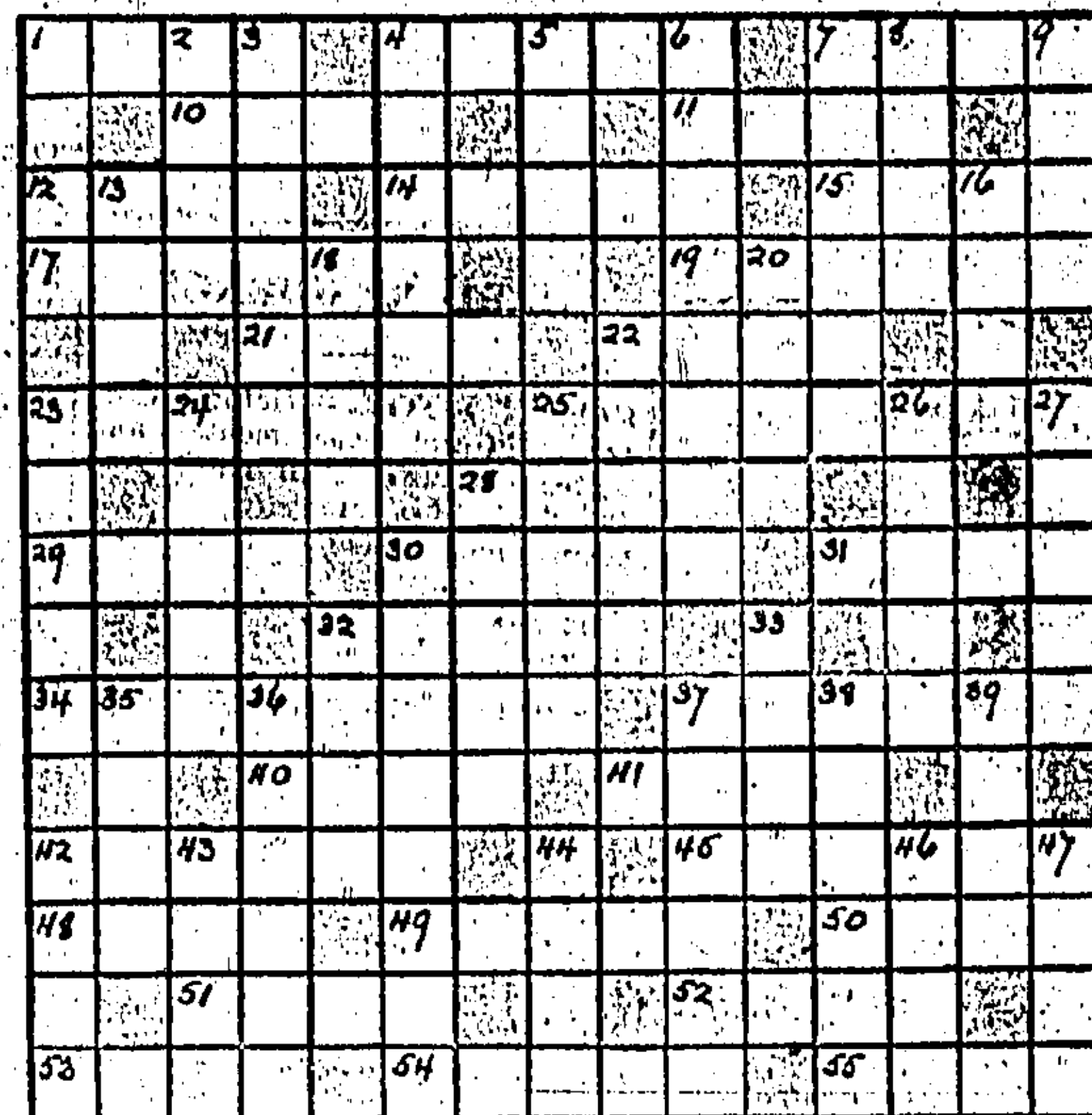
"A film ought to have as careful choreography as a ballet." That's efficiency for you.

## Butterfly Fashion.



A new novelty, recently launched, is a pin-on butterfly to be worn on the lapel, shoulder or sports hat. It is made of stiffened silk, painted realistically to give the effect of a live butterfly.

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



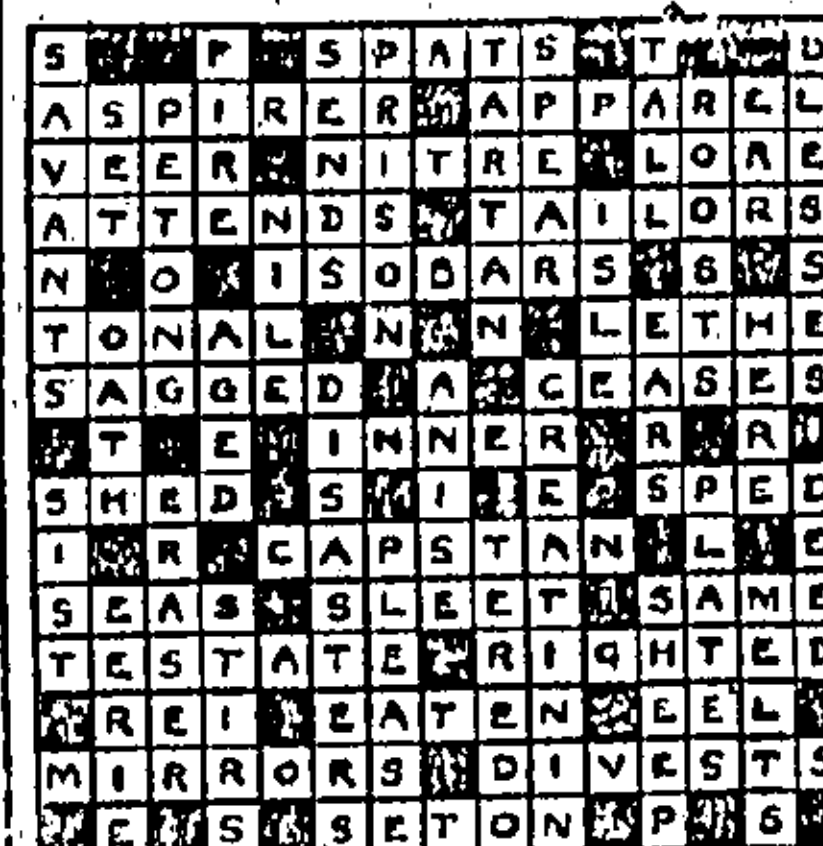
## Across.

- 1 Exclamation indicating rebuke.
- 4 Reclon.
- 7 Fly with haste.
- 10 Hair net.
- 11 That on which a wheel turns.
- 12 Defect.
- 13 Odd.
- 15 Notion.
- 17 Ankle.
- 19 Inn.
- 21 See at a distance.
- 22 Taunt.
- 23 Notches.
- 25 Tear.
- 28 Mixture of vegetables.
- 29 Toll.
- 30 Edible European mushroom.
- 31 Pull against the bit.
- 32 British wild animals.
- 34 Regards.
- 37 Strip.
- 40 Metals in their impure states.
- 41 Species of barley.
- 42 Striking part in machines.
- 45 Private.
- 48 Structure of a bow shape.
- 49 Sky blue.
- 50 Young children.
- 51 Command.
- 52 Apartment.
- 53 Graceful animal.
- 54 Put in action.
- 55 Hind part.

## Down.

- 1 Cluster.
- 2 Cicatrix.
- 3 Ship's cable.
- 4 Embraces closely.
- 5 To.
- 6 Pertaining to tactics.
- 7 Splinter.
- 8 Yield.
- 9 Ecclesiastical dignitary.

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## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



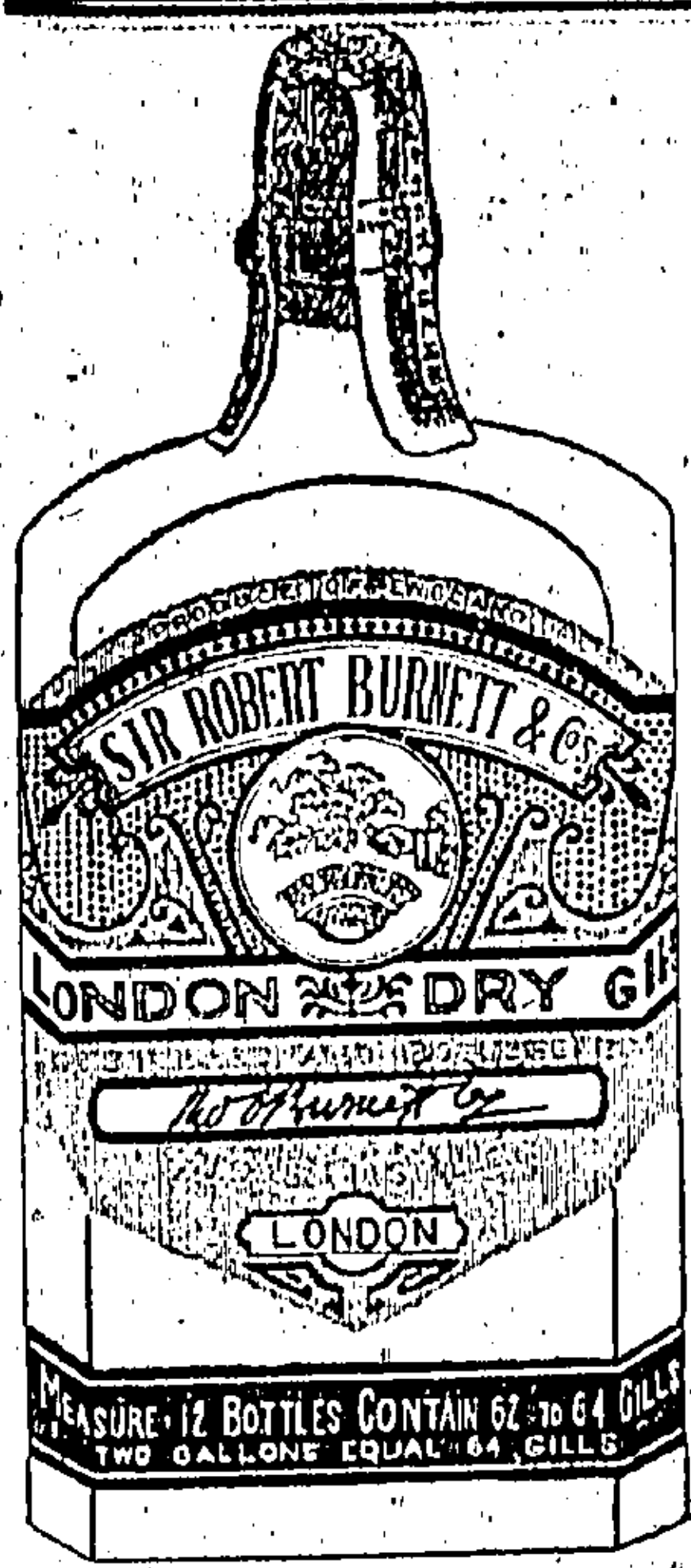
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TUESDAY, FEB. 21, 1928.

### A KOWLOON MEMBER.

The plea made at last night's annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents Association, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to appoint a Kowloon resident to fill the next Unofficial seat vacant on the Legislative Council, is one with which we find ourselves in complete agreement. At the present time, two of our non-Chinese Unofficials are nominated by His Excellency, and although the choice in each instance is beyond cavil, we do think the time has arrived when Kowloon should have its own representative. The steady growth of the peninsula, and the multiplicity and importance of Kowloon matters that constantly call for attention, serve to illustrate the reasonableness of the plea.

Some few years ago, the question of Constitutional Reform was much to the fore. Most of us can recall the petition which was sent to the House of Commons on the subject and the set-back which the movement received because of certain irregularities in the form in which that petition was presented. Subsequently, other developments occurred which resulted in the question being relegated to the background. Since then, the Constitutional Reform Association has, like so many other Hongkong organisations, ceased to function, and the scheme which it sponsored has been almost forgotten. Eventually, no doubt, the Constitutional Reform issue, in one form or another, will again be raised, especially as it is being dealt with in some of the other Crown Colonies, notably in Ceylon, where a Commission from Home is at present investigating the question. It is admittedly a difficult problem, involving complex issues which will have to be very carefully handled. From the remarks made by its President, the Kowloon Residents Association appreciates that fact, and accordingly no attempt is made to revive the general question of Legislative Council reform. Confining itself to practical politics, the Association merely throws out the hint that, without any change being made in the method of selecting Council members, at least one of His Excellency's nominees should be a resident who is in daily touch with Kowloon matters. There is, as we see the matter, every reason why this suggestion should be

acted upon. In all, there are six Unofficial members of the Council. Besides the two non-Chinese members nominated by His Excellency the Governor, there is one representing the Chamber of Commerce and another, the Justices of the Peace, whilst the two remaining seats are occupied by Chinese gentlemen chosen by His Excellency. The point to be stressed is that every one of these six members is a Hongkong resident, so that Kowloon errs, if it errs at all, on the side of modesty when it suggests that one out of six be a bona fide Kowloon resident.

The monopoly in Council seats enjoyed by Hongkong residents no doubt suited the conditions which prevailed when Kowloon was not the big residential district that it has since become. At that time, very few people foresaw present-day developments. The altered situation calls for a change in the allocation of Council seats. It is not as if there were no civic spirit in Kowloon or that there are not men fitted to be numbered amongst the Colony's legislators. If it has done nothing else, the continued existence of the Kowloon Residents Association has proved that there are men across the harbour who are conversant with Kowloon's needs, who are anxious to assist in its progress and development, and who would be eminently suited to hold a watching brief in the Council Chamber on behalf of residents of the peninsula. We therefore hope that the Association will lay respectfully before His Excellency the suggestion put forward at last night's meeting, and that the proposal will meet with the favourable consideration which it merits.

### British Driver's Triumph.

Captain Malcolm Campbell, the intrepid British racing motorist, attained the terrific speed of 206.956 miles an hour on the Daytona Beach in Florida on Sunday, exceeding the world's motor-car speed record by over three miles an hour, and winning the 1,000 guinea trophy presented by Sir Charles Wakefield for Great Britain. The exploit was a personal triumph for the driver, and a wonderful tribute to British engineering. Captain Campbell literally held his life in his hands as his famous car, the "Bluebird" swept down the eleven-mile course with the speed of a bullet, and, as to-day's cables show, he had a miraculous escape when his car violently swerved, travelling at over 200 miles an hour. The fact that he righted the powerful and roaring vehicle and brought her safely to a standstill is sufficient answer to those who imagine the driver has merely to sit still and hold tight. Britain still retains the record for the fastest motor-car in the world, and the designers have been able to demonstrate that power alone will not succeed. The "Bluebird" is minute in comparison with the machine with which Major H. O. D. Seagrave set the record of 203.8 miles an hour last year, but her reduced wind resistance more than balanced the deficiency in power. We have heard it argued that for a motor-car driver to lay himself open to deadly danger in endeavouring to attain such amazing speeds on the land, is foolhardiness and serves no useful purpose. Admittedly, 200 miles an hour over any road is in these days out of the question, but that beggars the real point of the contests. In order that cars may safely attempt high speeds, special attention must be given to tyre construction, brakes, sparking plugs, and so on, while every part of the machine must be absolutely flawless. The research necessary to achieve perfection, and the proven ability of the gear employed to stand up to the terrific strain imposed, is of immense benefit from a scientific engineering point of view. It is super-human experimental efforts such as these that enable manufacturers to present the public with a car for normal use in which the breaking strain cannot be over-estimated.

Among passengers departing for Shanghai by s.s. President Jackson to-morrow at daylight, are a number of prominent Shanghai residents returning after the annual race meeting. Mr. Heard and Mr. Pote Hunt are travelling north together with Messrs. D. E. Sassoon, F. E. Ellis, E. Gensburger, F. A. Pollock, Haimovitch and Mrs. R. S. Paterson, Mr. R. Bailey of the "B.A.T." also returns to Shanghai by the same vessel.

### DAY BY DAY.

SAVE, SAVE, OH! SAVE ME FROM THE CANDID FRIEND.—*Canning.*

The B. I. s.s. Talamba, which left Moji on the 19th instant, is due here on Thursday morning.

All vessels arriving report strong monsoon conditions in the China Sea, both north and south.

Lady Chow is to distribute the prizes to pupils of the Belittes Public School at Queen's College at 3 p.m. on Friday.

Coupons purchased for Miss Violet Capelli's pupils' dancing display on the 22nd, 27th and 29th must be exchanged for tickets at Andersons.

H. M. Ships Hawkins and Argus sailed early yesterday morning for practices in Mrs. Bay, co-operating with submarines, and will return to harbour before the week-end.

An amah reports to the police that while she was walking along Pokfulam Road yesterday, a Chinese came up to her from behind and snatched a pair of gold ear-rings which she was wearing.

A raid was carried out, last night, by Detective Sergeant Whant, on No. 43, Pokfulam Road, where, it is understood, a quantity of seditious literature was seized. Four Chinese were arrested as a consequence of the raid.

A report was made to the police yesterday by Cheng U-tung to the effect that a foki of his, who collected \$320 on behalf of the Yat Ming preserved fruit shop of Yau-mai on the 8th of this month, had absconded with the money.

A tailor, of No. 5, Ladder Street, was victimised on February 11th, by a Chinese who paid him \$35 in forged notes, for the purchase of two suits of clothing. The man discovered the nature of the notes when he attempted to buy goods yesterday in Peel Street.

Captain Charles, residing at Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, reports that between the 11th and 12th of this month, some person stole from his room two amber necklaces and one string of pearls, which were kept in a small lacquered box. The loss is placed at \$90.

Although there have been no further hold-ups in the matter of British registration of vessels running in the Delta, it is understood that negotiations in respect of certain vessels on the West River run are proceeding satisfactorily, and there is little likelihood of further suspensions.

Serious injuries were suffered by an old Chinese woman when she accidentally fell in Pokfulam Road, near Mr. J. Arnold's house. Wounds were caused to her head which came heavily in contact with a rock on the road side. The woman was later taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where her condition is regarded as serious.

Captain Murakami of the Sodegama Maru, reports that the vessel left Canton for Keelung on February 12, but encountering heavy weather, she was forced to anchor in Hailan Bay on February 16, remaining there until February 19. Heavy weather continuing, it was impossible to continue the voyage owing to shortage of bunkers and she put into Hongkong for replenishment.

The picture showing at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow is "Tumbleweeds," a tale of the old Cherokee Land Strip, and of how it was settled by the homesteaders in 1889. Bill Hart plays a typical cowboy role and falls in love with a girl of the homestead army. Some of the scenes are splendid, notably the great land rush when thousands of people in every kind of vehicle and with every sort of speed, race to get the best claims.

A gold watch and other valuables are reported stolen from No. 5, Kwong Fung Terrace, first floor. According to a report made by the occupier of the house, Mr. P. C. Quock, two men entered the house while he was out. One of the men engaged the *mui tau*, who was left in charge of the house, in conversation, while the other entered a cubicle and stole the jewellery, the total value of which was placed by Mr. Quock at \$46.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave a fair tonnage, but the total of freights was low, although British vessels made a good return, with the highest cargoes under both headings, while other exceptional returns were registered. Of the 18 arrivals, only five registered through cargo. British held the top place in the return with six arrivals and the same number of departures, of 13 and 12 respectively, leaving 71 vessels in harbour of which 27 were British.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### A CORRECTION.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In your issue of last night appeared the following announcement:

"The Institute Banking Corporation is owned by a financial group of which Mr. N. Instone Brewer, a well known Hongkong barrister, is the foreign President, and Mr. Kwok Djon Eng, a permanent Nam Pak Hong merchant, the Chinese President. Mr. Kwok Djon Eng is the promoter of the North Point Reclamation scheme and is more familiarly known as the Java Sugar King."

This reference is obviously to our client, Mr. Kwok Djon Eng, and he has instructed us to inform you that he is not the Chinese President, or even a member of the financial group which owns the Institute Banking Corporation, in which in fact he has no interest. Certain proposals were at one time under consideration which might have resulted in a connection between our client and the Institute Banking Corporation. But these proposals did not survive the preliminary stages and have now been definitely abandoned and our client has no connection with the Corporation.

We are informed by Mr. Instone Brewer on behalf of the Corporation that the announcement in question was made without their wish or knowledge.

We shall be obliged if you will publish the above.—Yours, etc.,  
HASTINGS, DENNIS & BOWLEY,  
Hongkong, Feb. 21st, 1928.

### A TELEPHONE WIRE THIEF CAUGHT.

FALLS INTO THE P.W.D.  
TRAP.

Sentences totalling six months' hard labour were passed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning on a Chinese who was convicted on charges of stealing telephone wires belonging to the Government and to the military authorities.

Evidence was given by Mr. W. Griggs of the P. W. D. and by Sergeant Bent, of the Royal Corps of Signals to the effect that many thefts have occurred since the 1st of February.

The defendant was arrested after a cutting which took place on Saturday night. A supervisor of the Government line was "plugged in" and the exact time of the theft, which happened between Quarry Bay and Shauiwan, was indicated.

A Chinese detective arrested the defendant with a bag containing three pounds of steel wires and three pounds on brass wires in his possession.

Sergeant Meadows, of the Shauiwan Police Station, described to his Worship the manner in which the stealing was done. Defendant showed the police a long pole with the fork of a tree, attached, which could easily be employed to pull down the wires. The defendant denied he was arrested with the wires in his possession, and told his Worship that they were planted on him by the Chinese detective. His story was disbelieved.

### OPIUM RUNNER FINED.

REVENUE OFFICERS MAKE  
TWO ARRESTS.

A Chinese described as "a runner" by Chief Revenue Officer Watt, was this morning fined \$3,000, or in default six months' hard labour on pleading guilty to being in possession of forty taels of prepared opium on board the s.s. Loongsang.

Another man, who was arrested on the Wing Lok Street Wharf with fifty taels of raw opium in his possession was given the option of a fine of \$1,000 or four months' hard labour.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Feb. 20.
Paris	124
Geneva	25.34
Berlin	23.42
Oslo	18.82
Helsingfors	18.82
Athens	18.82
Buenos Aires	47.20/22
Hongkong	2/04
New York	4.87 21/32
Amsterdam	12.12
Stockholm	18.17
Vienna	34.605
Madrid	28.785
Bucharest	19.474
Bombay	1/5.16/16
Yokohama	1/11.1/22
Brussels	35.02
Milan	32.02
Copenhagen	18.20
Frankfurt	10.44
Lisbon	2.19/04
Rio	5.50/04
Shanghai	2/04
Silver (spot)	23.8/10
Silver (forward)	24.04

—British Wireless.

## The Very Idea!

The young man of to-day hasn't a chance (writes a correspondent). Long ago, when a girl was in danger, the young man would rush into the street and save her from the horses' hoofs or from the clutch of the villain. Her father would then present the hero with a valuable token of his esteem, and, likely as not, the rescued girl would become his wife.

I saw a girl commence a reckless "jay-walking" tour across a busy street the other day. When a gallant young man dashed into the road, seized her arm, and pulled her off the trambles. And did the girl fling her arms around his neck, or faint with elegant grace?

She glared at her benefactor. "What the devil do you mean?" she demanded.

The weaker sex:—  
Lies buried here one William Bold;

Departed from this life,  
Because he went out in the cold  
Attired like his wife.

Lilac-scented cigars for women are said to be the latest.  
Probably this is merely a movement to provide ammunition for mother's reprisals when she finds the dining-room reeking with the graveyard odour of stale cigar smoke.

Imagine father's wrath when he invites "the boys" in and finds the house reeking with lilac.

It only remains for cook to make the light a three-cornered one by adopting fried-fish-scented cigars.

Willenden magistrate: Where do you belong? Woman: The other end. Magistrate: What end? Woman: Mile End.

Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch: I see that she describes herself, not as a moneylender, but as a financier. It ought to be financiers.

Woman at Old-street: I am coming up to the court to-morrow morning. Mr. Clarke Hall: What for? The woman: A rejection order.

A reporter in a hurry, once made the Y.M.C.A. "offer refreshments at a counter attached to a public-house," instead of "as a counter-attraction to a public-house."

An example of how things can get jumbled up in a newspaper, a "situation vacant" advertisement unaccountably got attached to a notice in the obituary columns, the whole reading: "Boy wanted to deliver early morning rolls. Sleep on, dear mother, and take your rest."

Dr. Cook, soldier of fortune and explorer, who some years ago startled the world with a claim to have reached the North Pole, must complete his sentence of imprisonment in Leavenworth Prison. This was made clear (says a Reuter message from Washington) by a judgment delivered in the Supreme Court laying down the principle that the Federal Court had no authority to place prisoners on probation after they had begun to serve their sentences.

Dr. Cook, who has served about two years of a fourteen years' sentence imposed on him for using the mails to defraud in connexion with oil promotion operations, was recently granted probation, in spite of a protest by Government counsel. The recent decision definitely settled the question of release, and Dr. Cook is not eligible for parole before March 1930.

In his lecture in Edinburgh on Mexico, Mr. Harold Fisher told of an amusing incident during his stay in a hotel in that country.

On the morning after his arrival, he informed his attendant that he would like to have a bath if it was at all possible.

His attendant said that that could be easily done, as he himself had had a bath in the hotel that same morning.

Just then the hotel-keeper came on the scene, but, on the lecturer explaining his desires, his host seemed to have doubts on the subject.

It was then discovered that Mr. Fisher's attendant had used as his bath tank, which contained the day's supply of drinking water.

I shall retire only when I am unconscious.—Gend. Tunney.

I am too much of an Irishman to be a pessimist.—Dr. Macnamara.

Some people believe stupidity is not a drawback in getting on in the world.—Dr. P. B. Ballard.

Most athletes training for the boat race and other sports are grossly overfed.—Dr. Henning Bel-frago.

There is something degrading in thinking that happiness consists only in driving a little ball into a hole or kicking a larger ball into a net.—Canon C. S. Woodward.

The vernacular press says that an unknown Chinese, who won a large sum of money in a cash sweep at the races three days ago, donated \$1,000 towards the building fund of the new Chinese Hospital which is to be erected soon under the management of the Tung Wah Hospital in Causeway Bay.



## PUBLIC MONEY VOTES.

EIGHT ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED.

BIGGEST SUMS NEEDED FOR RAILWAY.

TOTAL OF \$24,869.

Eight votes, totalling \$24,869, are to come up for consideration before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon. These are explained in a financial message as follows:

\$200 for Medical Department (Government Laboratory) for apparatus and chemicals.—Provision made in Estimates \$3,000. The sum of \$200 for which a supplementary vote is requested represents an excess expenditure on the 1927 vote, required in payment of material ordered from the Crown Agents. The account for this was not rendered until 1928 and it is regretted that by an oversight sufficient savings were not retained in the vote to meet it.

## Charitable Allowance.

\$2,400 for Charitable Services.—The Finance Committee on December 24th, 1927, unanimously recommended that a charitable allowance of \$2,400 p.m. be made to Mrs. J. A. E. Bullock. There is no provision for this in current Estimates and a supplementary vote is therefore requested.

\$2,400 for His Excellency, the Governor (Personal Emoluments).—Provision made in Estimates, \$86,278. In consideration of the heavy extra work in deciphering telegraphic messages, which the political situation continues to throw upon the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, it is proposed again to grant him an allowance of \$200 p.m. during the current year.

## Education Conference.

\$261 for Education: (out of pocket expenses to Mr. E. Ralphs).—A Triennial Imperial Education Conference will be held in London in July, 1928, and it is considered desirable that the Colony should be represented. It is proposed that Mr. E. Ralphs, who will be on leave, should attend, and as it will be necessary for him to take part in visits to various places of educational interest in England and possibly to certain education centres in France, it is proposed to grant him a sum not exceeding £25 to meet his out of pocket expenses. The scheme was not mooted when the Estimates for 1928 were framed and a supplementary vote is accordingly requested.

\$9,640 for Kowloon-Canton Railway: (improvements and alterations to Tsim Sha Tsui Station). The original vote in 1927 was \$25,000. The early stages of the work soon made it clear that not more than \$12,500 could be utilised in 1927, and the remaining \$12,500 was therefore provided for in the 1928 Estimates. Only \$2,860.50 was actually spent in 1927, however, and it is now desirable to revoke \$9,640. The position then becomes:—Expended in 1927: \$2,860; now revoked, \$9,640; provided in 1928, \$12,500; total \$25,000; which is the total of the original vote in 1927.

## More Railway Items.

\$2,788 for Kowloon-Canton Railway (locomotive shed, carriage shed and workshop for Fanling branch line rolling stock).—Work was postponed till arrival of the Manager Railway, in July, after which preparation of drawings and letting of contract had to be carried out, with the result that actual work did not commence until November, 1927. The amount provided in 1927 Estimates was \$3,000, but only \$212.30 was expended for the above reasons. The sum requested is therefore in the nature of a revote.

\$1,760 for Kowloon-Canton Railway (new roofing to workshops).—The work could not be completed during 1927 owing to the delay due to referring the question of suitable roofing materials for other opinions. The vote for 1927 was \$2,000 wide 1927 Estimates page 86 sub-head 37, but owing to the delay only \$239.80 was spent during 1927. The sum requested is therefore in the nature of a revote.

## Rented Accommodation.

\$3,420 for Harbour Department (rent of G.M.S. Office in P. & O. Building, additional accommodation for additional staff of G.M.S.'s Office).—Owing to additions on the staff of the Government Marine Surveyor and inadequate accommodation in present offices it has been found necessary to rent accommodation on the 5th floor of the P. & O. Building at a monthly rental of \$400 plus \$27.50 per month for use of lift with effect from 1st May.

\$2,200 for H.E. the Governor (personal emoluments).—When

## JUNK PIRATED OFF WAGLAN.

STOLEN PIGS SOLD AT SHAUKIWAN.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The piracy of a junk at daybreak on January 25 and the subsequent chase and capture of some of the pirate gang by the police at Joss House Bay, near Lyemun, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan. Three men were charged with theft from a junk in the waters of Colony, while a fourth was charged with receiving, and with harbouring the other men, knowing them to be robbers.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown. All the prisoners pleaded "Not Guilty."

Outlining the case, Mr. Fitzroy explained that the junk, which traded between San Mei and Hongkong, was used for bringing pigs, vegetables, and other produce for the Hongkong market.

The junk sailed from San Mei for Hongkong on January 24, carrying cargo, a crew of eight, and 28 passengers.

## Junk Fired At.

Nothing untoward occurred until daybreak the following day when a small finishing boat approached from the south near Waglan. After crossing the trading junk's bows about a length ahead the unknown craft came alongside. Five men on board, armed with long firearms, opened fire.

The master was hulled and told to go below where the others had already fled. He complied. When control of the vessel had gone, it swung into the wind and came to a stop. Four armed men boarded her.

The people imprisoned in the holds would say, continued Mr. Fitzroy, that these four men controlled the destiny of the boat, and took her to Joss House Bay, a small bay in a pass between Nam Tong Island and the New Territories, not far from Lyemun.

## Cargo Taken Away.

When the anchor was dropped another boat came alongside and the second and third prisoners among others proceeded to transfer the cargo from the junk.

The fourth prisoner, who lived with his father near Joss House Bay helped to take the loot to Shaukiwan where it was sold, but he alleged that he had been forced to do so.

Afterwards the police arrested the fourth prisoner, and his father. The second and third prisoners were caught at Shaukiwan. The Police then secured a motor boat and proceeded to Joss House Bay. The guard on board the captured junk, seeing the motor boat approaching, made for the shore, but the police knowing the men were armed, opened fire. The first prisoner was arrested at that time, but others escaped in the gorse.

The case is proceeding.

## PUBLICAN LICENCES.

INCREASED FEES FOR EXTENSIONS.

At Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Colonial Secretary will move the following resolution:—

"That the scale of fees payable for Publicans' Licences shall be altered and increased, in respect of each and every extension of the hours of business granted by the Captain Superintendent of Police in respect of any occasion deemed by him to be a 'special occasion,' in accordance with the following scale:—For the first hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit, \$50; for each and every subsequent hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit, \$100 (additional); for the first hour of the extension stated in a Class B permit, \$25; for each and every subsequent hour stated in a Class B permit \$50 (additional)."

It will also be proposed that consequential amendments be made to the schedule of fees set forth in the Second Schedule to the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance.

The Banvard Company after their successful season in Hongkong and Kowloon, sailed for the north yesterday by s.s. Hakone Maru.

The 1928 Estimates were framed the clerical work at Government House was performed by a VI grade clerk who was paid from the Junior Clerical Service Vote. It has now been found necessary to replace him by a stenographer clerk at \$200 per month and a supplementary vote for this salary is required to cover the last 11 months of the year.

## DELICATE CANTON PROBLEM.

FINANCE MINISTER'S OPTIMISM.

SECURING TAXES WITHOUT MILITARY DISSENT.

MAYBE, MAYBE NOT.

The Canton Government is at present attempting to tackle the gigantic and delicate problem of effecting unity of tax collection in all districts, and of checking the seizure of taxes by troops, without offending the generals upon whom the Government relies for support.

The Government has been forced to grant territories to different generals for "defensive purposes," and the principal generals have been given what are regarded as rich districts, tempting baits.

Each of the leaders has under him a large force, numbering at least three or four thousand men, and little comment appears to be necessary as to where will come the fund to support them.

## Canton Treasury.

The dream of the Finance Commissioner of Canton, Mr. Feng Cho-man is the remission of all taxes to Canton, but much water is likely to flow down the Pearl River before he realises his ambition, though recently he made a brave announcement in commenting on Canton's financial problems. He said:—"As head of the Canton Treasury, I have made arrangements with the leaders of troops in various districts, whereby within two months no taxes will be retained by the military collectors. Refusal to obey the edict will be regarded as reactionary. General Li Chai-sun will remove them from control of their territory by sending a punitive expedition."

The above statement is attributed to the Finance Commissioner and is supposed to have been made two or three weeks ago, but the only district in Kwangtung where tax collection is in the hands of the Canton Treasury is Canton City.

## Men May Come Etc.

In the southern part of the province, Mr. Ho Chun-fan says he will warmly welcome the representatives of the Canton Treasury if he visits his districts to collect the funds, but meanwhile Ho continues to retain the taxes.

A Canton Treasury representative is supervising the collection in West River districts, but the 7th Army still commandeers the bulk of the funds. More or less the same conditions prevail in all other districts where troops are stationed.

The Treasurer of the Canton Government is still optimistic, says a report from Chinese sources, which adds that the optimism of Mr. Feng Cho-man is due to confidence in the flotation of foreign loan.

If the Canton Government secures a loan, trade conditions and the position of the Central Bank may be benefited to some extent, but it is feared the relief to Canton finance will be but temporary.

## THE INDEPENDENCE OF LITHUANIA.

BRITISH GREETINGS ON TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

London, Feb. 20.

Sir Austen Chamberlain has addressed the following telegram to M. Voldemaras, the Lithuanian Premier:—"On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of Lithuania's independence, I take pleasure in offering you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, their sincere congratulations on the progress achieved by your country, and their best wishes for its increasing prosperity and peaceful development."

M. Voldemaras has replied: "Deeply affected by the congratulations which Your Excellency has sent to me on behalf of His Majesty's Government, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of Lithuania's independence."

The Lithuanian Nation and Government gratefully remember the constant friendly support given to them by His Majesty's Government to assure the independence of Lithuania, the existence of which is necessary for the maintenance of the general peace and the promotion of prosperity in Eastern Europe.—*British Wireless.*

## 300,000 TROOPS MOBILISED.

NATIONALIST DRIVE AGAINST CHANG TSO-LIN.

THREE OFFENSIVES.

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

The Nationalist Government announced to-day that military plans are practically completed whereby 300,000 troops will be mobilised for the coming spring campaign against Marshal Chang Tso-lin, which the Nationalists hope will result in completing the military phase of the revolution.

Chiang Kai-shek, the generalissimo of the Nationalist military forces, who has gone to Honan province in order to have a conference with the Christian General Feng Yu-hsiang and General Yen Hsi-shan, of Tupan, Shansi province, regarding the forthcoming military activities, telegraphed to-day that 300,000 troops are participating in the war, of which number 100,000, under Yen Hsi-shan will advance to Peking along the Peking and Sulpuan railway from the north; while 50,000, under Feng Yu-hsiang, will advance to Peking from Honan province along the Peking and Hankow railway.

The remaining 150,000 troops under the direct command of Chiang Kai-shek and his subordinate, General Ho Yin-chin, will advance to the north into Shantung province from Kiangsu along the Tientsin and Pukow railway and the old grand canal. It is not yet known when the command to advance will be issued, but Chiang Kai-shek is apparently waiting for the opening of Spring before ordering the southern troops to advance into the regions now covered with snow.

Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Hsi-shan, however, have already opened the drive which is supposed to be responsible for the reports from Peking stating that Chang Tso-lin is withdrawing his forces about the Peking vicinity in order to shorten the lines for the battle in the spring which is likely to settle the mastery in northern China.

## EARL OF ERROLL SUCCUMBS.

SUDDEN DEATH IN GERMANY.

London, Feb. 20.

It is announced from Coblenz that the Earl of Erroll has died suddenly from heart failure. Formerly Lord Kilmarnock, he had held the position of British High Commissioner on the Inter-allied Rhine and Commission since 1921. He became *Chargé d'Affaires* in Berlin on the resumption of diplomatic relations with Germany after the War.—*British Wireless.*

The deceased Earl was the 20th holder of the title, which was created in 1463. He was born in 1876 and succeeded his father last year. Entering the diplomatic service in 1900, he served in the Foreign Office and at Copenhagen, in addition to Berlin. He married in 1900 a daughter of Sir Allan Mackenzie, of Glen Muir, Aberdeenshire, and there are two sons and a daughter. He was the author of several musical plays. The heir to the title is Lord Kilmarnock, who is 26 years of age and who married Lady Idina Gordon some little time ago.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers for those who need them will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What was the main purpose of the recent visit of Canadian farmers to Britain?
2. What bequest has lately been made to Christ's College, Cambridge?
3. What important development has just taken place in the British building industry?
4. How many new trades are estimated to have sprung up in the last four years?
5. What, in Norse mythology, was the name for heaven?
6. Who wrote the following: *Comus*; *The Duchess of Malfi*; *Rigoletto*; *The Golem*; and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*?
7. Give the meaning of (a) *hyperbole*; (b) *hyperbola*.
8. What is the explosive base of dynamite?
9. Who painted these famous pictures: *The Laughing Cavalier*; *The Angelus*; *The Night Watch*; *The Age of Innocence*; *The Sistine Madonna*?
10. In what continent is (a) *Afghanistan*; (b) *Abyssinia*?
11. Explain the meaning of the highest common factor in mathematics.
12. Which book of the Old Testament is contained in one chapter?

## CATHOLIC PRIEST'S RELEASE.

PRISONER FOR SEVEN DAYS.

CAPTORS THREATEN GERMAN WITH DEATH.

RANSOM NOT PAID.

Hankow, Feb. 9.

Word was received here yesterday that Father P. Theodor Kelway, a German subject, of the Catholic Mission at Sinyangchow, has been released after being held prisoner for seven days.

Father Kelway was invited to a meeting by the gentry of the city and while there, two servants came back and stated that he was being detained till the sum of \$30,000 demand was handed over.

The news which has now come to hand is to the effect that he was released on Monday evening and a telegram was sent off from Sinyangchow at once stating the fact. This message was never received in Hankow.

## The Ransom Explained.

It has since become clear that his captors were the gentry of the place and the reason they give for their action was that they had to pay a large sum to the soldiers and Red Spears who had saved them from a Communist massacre when it was intended to kill off everyone over twenty-five years of age. The \$30,000 demanded was supposed to be the Father's share of the levy.

When Father Kelway refused to comply his captors placed him in a room and set two guards over the doorway. They then continually paraded outside shouting that they would kill him if the money was not forthcoming. However, when they saw that the funds were not to be obtained they commenced to show signs of anxiety and at last released him, though they swore that they would make representations to Gen. Feng Yu-hsiang.

## Communist Plan.

There is another explanation and this is that the Catholic fathers are the only foreigners in the city at present and as there is the strong Communist agitation for China for the Chinese it is quite possible that the outrage was planned with a view of frightening the fathers to leave.

It is doubtful whether the local garrison is in the move, hence the Communistically inclined very likely have had to go easy. Meanwhile further investigations are being carried out as to who are the real promoters.

It was on January 30th that Father Kelway was visited by a delegation of notables of the city; these asked the Father if he would accompany them to attend a meeting.

## Mysterious Meeting.

Nobody seems to know what the meeting was for or about, but the father agreed to the request of these people and left his premises accompanied by two servants. About half an hour after he had left, one servant returned and stated that something was wrong.

Some time elapsed, and the other servant returned. His information was of a more definite nature, and he stated that the father had been imprisoned because he had refused to contribute towards the support of the soldiers.

The amount demanded from him was thirty thousand dollars; this being for a Roman Catholic Priest an impossibility he was according to the servant then imprisoned.

## HONGKONG CIVIL SERVANTS.

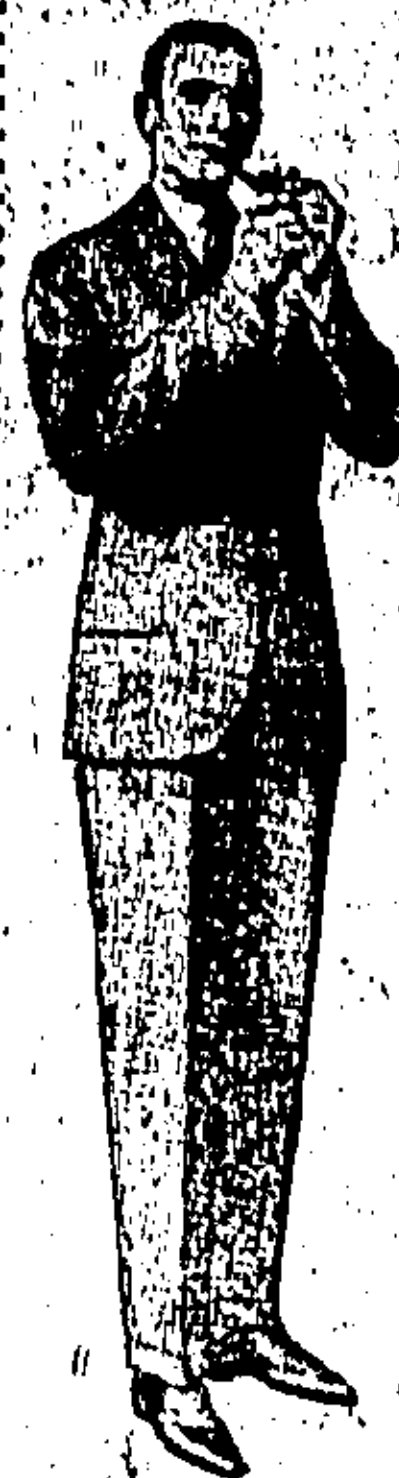
EXCHANGE LOSSES TO BE MADE GOOD.

London, Feb. 20.

In the House of Commons to-day, it was agreed to grant a supplementary vote of £15,613, to make good the loss in the pay of Government servants in Hongkong due to the fall in exchange.

—*Reuter.*  
We are informed that the supplementary vote does not refer to servants employed by the Hongkong Government, and presumably concerns Admiralty servants who are paid at a fixed sterling rate.

A new air record has been created by Captain A. S. Wilcockson, of Imperial Airways, who flew a Handley-Page Jupiter air liner weighing seven tons from aerodrome to aerodrome of only 30 minutes, a record for a machine of this size.



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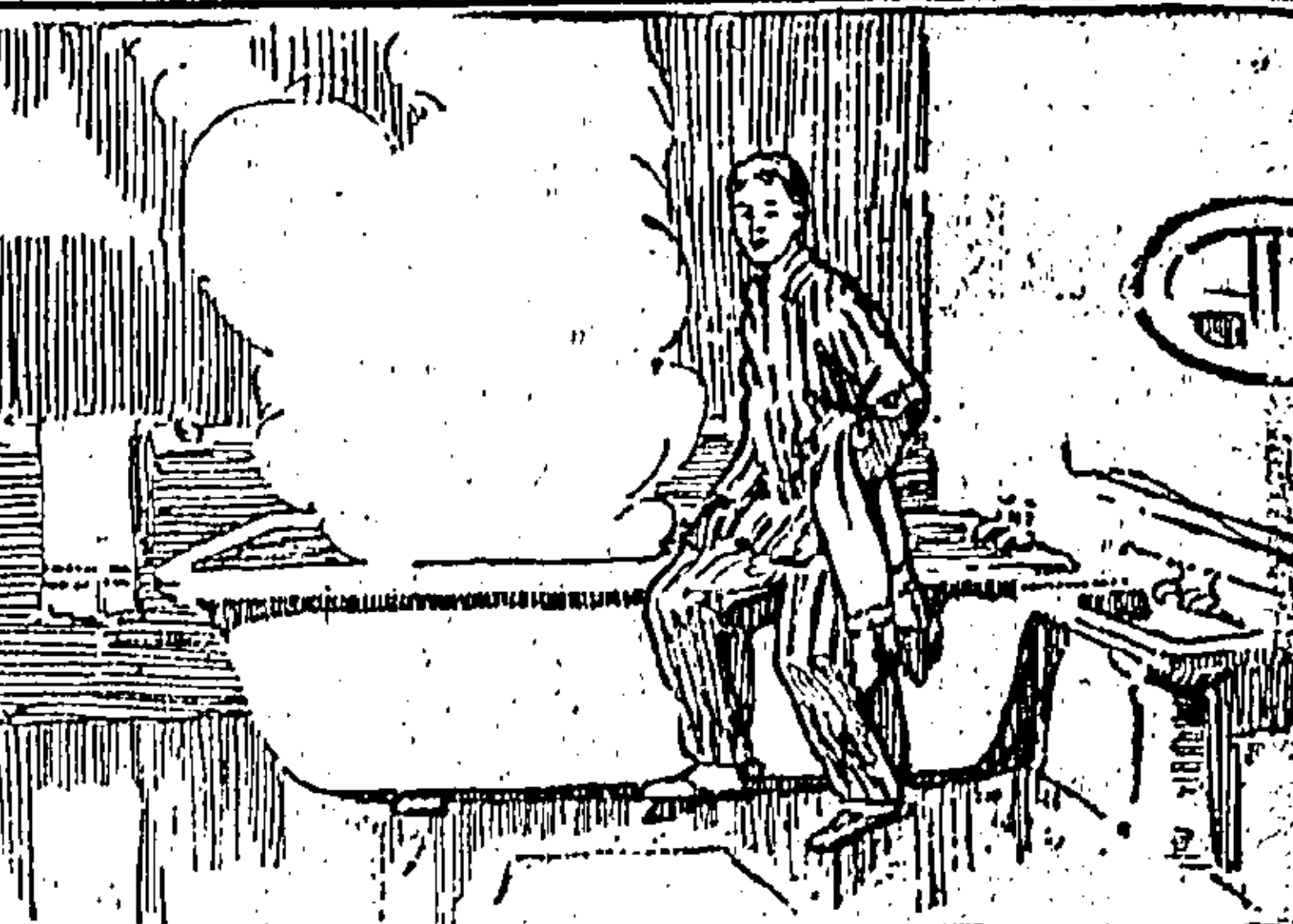
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## FAMOUS FOOTBALLER SUSPENDED.

GALLACHER NOT TO PLAY FOR TWO MONTHS.

The Football Association recently issued the following statement: Newcastle United F. C. v. Huddersfield Town F.C., 31st December, 1927.

Re H. Gallacher: For improper conduct, both on the field and at the close of this match; also having regard to his misconduct in previous matches, H. Gallacher, of Newcastle United F. C., suspended from taking any part in football for two months from 19th January, 1928.

According to the agreements entered into by the International Board, whereby "each Association will recognise suspensions of clubs and individuals by other National Associations," Gallacher cannot play for Scotland against Ireland on February 25 at Firhill Park, Glasgow.

The incident that led to Gallacher being reported occurred near the end of the game at St. James' Park, when the referee declined to award a penalty kick claimed by the Newcastle United captain. After the match Mr. Foggy intimated to the club officials his intention to report the matter to the Football Association.

### Prolific Goal Scorer.

In winning the Football League Championship last season, Newcastle United were greatly indebted to Gallacher, who scored 36 goals, but during the present campaign the famous club have not maintained their form.

This is Gallacher's third season with Newcastle United, for whom he was immediately successful when coming South in 1925. Besides eleven appearances for Scotland, Gallacher has played also for the Scottish League, and on November 11, 1925, he established a record for International League football by scoring five goals consecutively against the Irish League at Belfast.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The new French 50-franc note which has only been issued about a fortnight, has already been counterfeited. The French Treasury officials boasted proudly on its appearance that the intricacy of the colour arrangements and the large watermark would make forgery impossible. There were people at Rennes, however, who thought differently, and the police are now trying to track down the origin of a number of very fair imitations which have been in circulation in that district.



## F. A. CUP DRAW.

Huddersfield Again AT HOME.

### TOTTENHAM'S BAD LUCK.

London, Feb. 20.

The draw for the sixth round of the F.A. Cup Competition was made to-day, resulting as follows:

Blackburn v Manchester Un.  
Wednesday or  
Sheffield U v Notts Forest.  
Huddersfield v Tottenham.  
Arsenal v Stoke.  
Matches to be played on March 3rd.—*Reuter.*

### Luck of the Draw.

The sixth round is the last before the semi-final and therefore the last in which the right of playing at home is granted. Huddersfield, who are now favourites for the competition, have had the good fortune to be drawn at home, though they are opposed to the very popular if unfortunate Tottenham Hotspurs team. Tottenham created a sensational surprise in the last round by defeating Leicester City at Leicester by three clear goals. The Huddersfield match is the tit-bit of the draw, though much interest will also be centred round the Lancashire duel between Blackburn Rovers and Manchester United.

Both Second Division teams have been unfortunate. They both pay a visit to First Division clubs. Stoke, the conquerors of Manchester City, will be in London, where the Arsenal are expected to win.

Notts Forest, who knocked out the holders, are to play at Sheffield, meeting the winner of the Sheffield duel.

The semi-finalists seem likely to be two Yorkshire representatives, Huddersfield and a Sheffield club, one team from Lancashire, Blackburn Rovers, and the Arsenal of London.

## CHARITY CUP MATCH.

### SCOTLAND'S TEAM AGAINST CHINA.

The following team has been selected to represent Scotland in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final to be played on the H.K.F.C. ground on Saturday.—Rodger (Club); Gardner (K.O.S.B.); Hirst (S. Guards); McBride (Club); Stewart (Club)—Captain, McKelvie (Kowloon); Campbell (K.O.S.B.); Aldi (S. Guards); Toal (K.O.S.B.); McGlinchey (K.O.S.B.); and Rev. Alexander (K.O.S.B.).

Reserves:—Carwell (Guards); Merlow (Titania); Oram (Police); Alexander (Club); McIniven (Guards).

## NAVAL BILLIARDS.

### CHINA SQUADRON DESTROYERS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Billiards Championship of the Destroyer Flotilla of the China Station was decided at the Royal Naval Canteen on Sunday evening resulting in a win by a narrow margin for H.M.S. Thracian, with H.M.S. Sepoy as the runners-up.

The games were keenly contested throughout, but a certain difficulty was experienced in bringing the various teams together, owing to the exigencies of the service. The final on Sunday evening was largely attended and the winning team was accorded a well merited round of applause.

Squadron Championship. The individual championship of the China Squadron was played off at the Chief and Petty Officers' Club in the Naval Dockyard on Sunday evening.

The result was a win for Sick Berth Petty Officer Pyne, of H.M.S. Ambrose, by 68 points, against E. R. A. Davies of H.M.S. Titania (Submarine L2). The winner played seven matches to reach the final.

Last night at the Chief and P. O.'s Club, a match was arranged to take place between St. Patrick's Club and the Chief and P.O.'s Club the Navy being represented by the winner, the runners-up and one of the semi-finalists in the fleet competition, the other semi-finalist being at sea in H.M.S. Hawkins.

The Results.  
Navy St. Patrick's  
P. O. Wellborn 84 E. Nuttall 150  
S.P.O. Davis 59 J.M. Ribeiro 150  
Supt. Light 91 L. Remedios 150  
S.B.P.O. Pyne 150 M. Medina 115  
E.R.A. Davis 150 A. Rozario 90  
C.P.O. Best 148 E. Remedios 150

## FANLING HUNT.

### INTERESTING PAPER CHASE AT SHEUNGSHUI.

A field of twenty-seven faced the starter for the paperchase held at Sheung Shui on Sunday. The paper had been laid by Mr. Erskine, who was the winner of the last paperchase, and he chose a course far different from the point-to-point course he laid at Lok Ma Chau a fortnight ago. Unfortunately, he had to shorten the course originally chosen, on account of the swollen state of the river, and the finish was some little way from Sheung Shui.

Amongst the starters were several new faces, this being the first appearance of Messrs. Crawford, Davidson, Sturt, Anderson and Wallis. Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Chubb and Mrs. Lloyd were also out, and it is hoped that in the near future enough ladies will turn out to warrant the inauguration of a special ladies' race. There was a large naval contingent, as usual the Army was well represented.

Mr. Maitland, who has ridden with such remarkable success at the recent meeting at Happy Valley, was out on Nobleman. The field consisted of the following: Bayliss, Blotting Paper, Macnamara, James Piggy, Beck, Strathorne, Sturt, Foxtro; Mrs. Sheldon, Two Steps; Stanton, Chin Shan; Mrs. Chubb, More Belter; Heston, Cavins; Bolton, Nimrod; Hunter, Dorian; Highgate; Mnskee; Backhouse, Country Mouse; Morgan, Pekin; Miller, Rupert; Hayley Bell, Shady Joe; De Villiers, Carno; Wallis, Why Not; Maitland, Nobleman; Potts, Craigavad; Drummond-Murray, Alhambr; Crawford, Scampardale; Davidson, Incent; Russell, Conquistador; Durrant, Drake; Anderson, Honeymoon; Mrs. Lloyd, Kwong Sai; Reidy, Loch Rannoch.

### A Good Start.

There was little delay, and the field were despatched to a good start. The order of the ponies changed frequently near the start, as on two or three occasions the leaders took the wrong course, and had to turn back. The spectators had little chance of seeing the race, and it was not until the ponies came over the hill near the finish that they had any idea of the leaders. As soon as they became distinguishable, it was seen that Miller and Backhouse were the two most likely to fight out the finish, and they eventually finished in the order mentioned, with very little between them. Messrs. Morgan, Durrant, Wallis, Hayley Bell, Drummond Murray and Potts were all in close attendance, and Mrs. Sheldon was the first of the lady riders to pass the post.

Everyone who has hunted with the Fanling Hounds was delighted to see Miller, the huntsman, ride the winner, Morgan (the first whip), on Pekin, was close up, and he is another who has put heart and soul into his work. Once again Colonel Hayley Bell, who won the heavyweight point-to-point at Lok Ma Chau, was the first of the heavies to pass the post, on Shady Joe. This pony seems to be at the top of his form just now, and is probably one of the cleverest at Fanling.

### Mrs. Paterson's Departure.

There were far fewer jumps than usual and most of the falls were caused by ponies putting their feet into Chinese graves.

Mrs. Paterson is going to Shanghai on Wednesday. She has been one of the most consistent followers of the hounds, and will be a great loss. She has frequently led in winners at Kwanti, and the popular "black, yellow, snash, collar, cuffs and cap" will be missed here. Everyone wishes her the best of luck in Shanghai.

Subscribers to the Hounds who attend the races at Kwanti, and in fact all those who are interested in steeplechasing either as owners, riders or spectators, will hear with interest of the publication of a book of form.

This book contains the results of all races since the opening of the Kwanti Course, and also an index which gives, at a glance, the performance of every pony that has run there. This should prove extraordinarily useful to those who like to have a flutter at the races, and to owners who wish to see the form of ponies entered against theirs. Amongst other interesting information, there is given a list of ponies changed names, and a summary of the conditions under which the meetings are held.

The authorities again ask all jockeys to ride in hard hats, as the course is often extraordinarily hard, and several riders this season have had cause to thank themselves that they were wearing suitable head protection.

No less than 72 different jockeys have ridden in steeplechases at Kwanti, and there is a chart in the book showing how they have fared. Mr. Reidy is the champion jockey, with over a dozen wins.

A tremendous amount of care and trouble has been taken in the compilation, in order to make the book as complete as possible, but should anyone notice any omissions or inaccuracies, the Masters of the Fanling Hounds would be obliged if they would communicate with them in order to have them corrected in future editions. As this is the first edition, it has naturally cost a considerable amount to produce, but it is hoped that there will be sufficient sold to warrant further enlarged editions.

## OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, February 25th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

## "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on February 25th:—

DIVISION I.  
Blackburn v Tottenham.  
Bolton v Huddersfield.  
Everton v Liverpool.  
Wednesday v Newcastle.

DIVISION II.  
Clapton O. v Stoke.  
Manchester v Preston.  
Sth. Shields v Barnsley.

DIVISION III.  
Brighton v Northampton.  
Rochdale v Chesterfield.  
Walsall v Swindon.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.  
Bo'ness v Airdrie.  
Queen's Park v Kilmarnock.

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Brighton v Northampton.  
Rochdale v Chesterfield.  
Walsall v Swindon.  
Bo'ness v Airdrie.  
Queen's Park v Kilmarnock.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

### CHELSEA LOSE IN SECOND DIVISION.

London, Feb. 20.

In the Second Division of the English League to-day, Barnsley defeated Port Vale by 4 goal to 2, while Stoke defeated the league leaders, Chelsea by the only goal of the match.—*Reuter.*

## "TENNIS ELBOW."

DOCTOR'S DESCRIPTION OF CURE.

### THE "TENDER SPOT."

For a long time surgeons have been puzzled by "tennis elbow," a mysterious disaffection of the arm which afflicts many tennis players, golfers, and workers in certain trades that involve the constant use of a hammer.

According to Mr. G. Percival Mills, F.R.C.S., of the Birmingham Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, a satisfactory treatment for the ailment has been discovered.

"Tennis elbow" is a condition of the arm peculiar in that the patient can commonly do anything with his arm without pain except the particular exercise with which the pain is associated. On the other hand, as Mr. Percival Mills points out in the current issue of the *British Medical Journal*, during the acute stage a patient may suddenly bungle some perfectly simple action owing to his accidentally getting his arm into the position which produces the pain.

Tenopex Trick. "A favourite trick of this sort," he writes, "is to drop a tea cup when reaching out a hand to take it from a tray. Indeed, the action of holding a tea cup will often produce the pain of 'tennis elbow,' and the fact is of help in making a diagnosis."

Recently, in examining a number of cases of "tennis elbow" in a short space of time, Mr. Percival Mills found in each a recognised "tender spot," and also that the pain was often produced by complete flexion of the wrist and fingers. On superficial examination it appeared that all movements were complete, but when he specially examined combined movements he noticed that this was not the case. He decided that by forcing the restricted movement to its normal extent a cure might be effected.

"My first case," he says, "was rather dramatic. The patient was a big strong man, and I insisted on an anaesthetic. Under nitrous oxide, I wrenched the arm as follows: With the wrist and fingers flexed and the forearm fully pronated I forced the elbow into hyperextension, making at the same time firm pressure with my left thumb over the tender spot by the external epicondyle. There was a snap like a pistol shot, and the horrified anaesthetist insisted that I had broken the arm."

Dramatic Cure. "The cure was as dramatic as the manipulation. It was a long-standing case, and had never been very severe, but the patient assured me that for the first time for many years he was able to make a hard backhand volley without pain. Further experience has shown me that there is not always so loud a noise, but in every case I have felt a click or snap which, though perfectly obvious to the hand, was not always audible. In recent cases it is little more than the feeling of something giving way."

## CIGAR FACTORY BLAZE.

30,000 PESOS DAMAGE AT MANILA.

The La Insular Cigar and Cigarette Factory, situated a few meters from the Tanday fire station, was almost totally destroyed by fire early this morning, says the *Manila Bulletin* of Friday last. Damage was estimated at Pesos 30,000.

The cause of the fire could not be ascertained. An explosion, however, was heard by the Tanday firemen at 1.52 a.m. They rushed to the scene to find flames inside the building. Captain Lorenzo of the fire department and Charles Schendube, city electrician, who were at the scene of the conflagration said it was possible that an explosion might have caused the blaze. The fire was out in 40 minutes.

The building was used by the cigar factory for the manufacture of cigars. Cigar leaves also were stored in the building.

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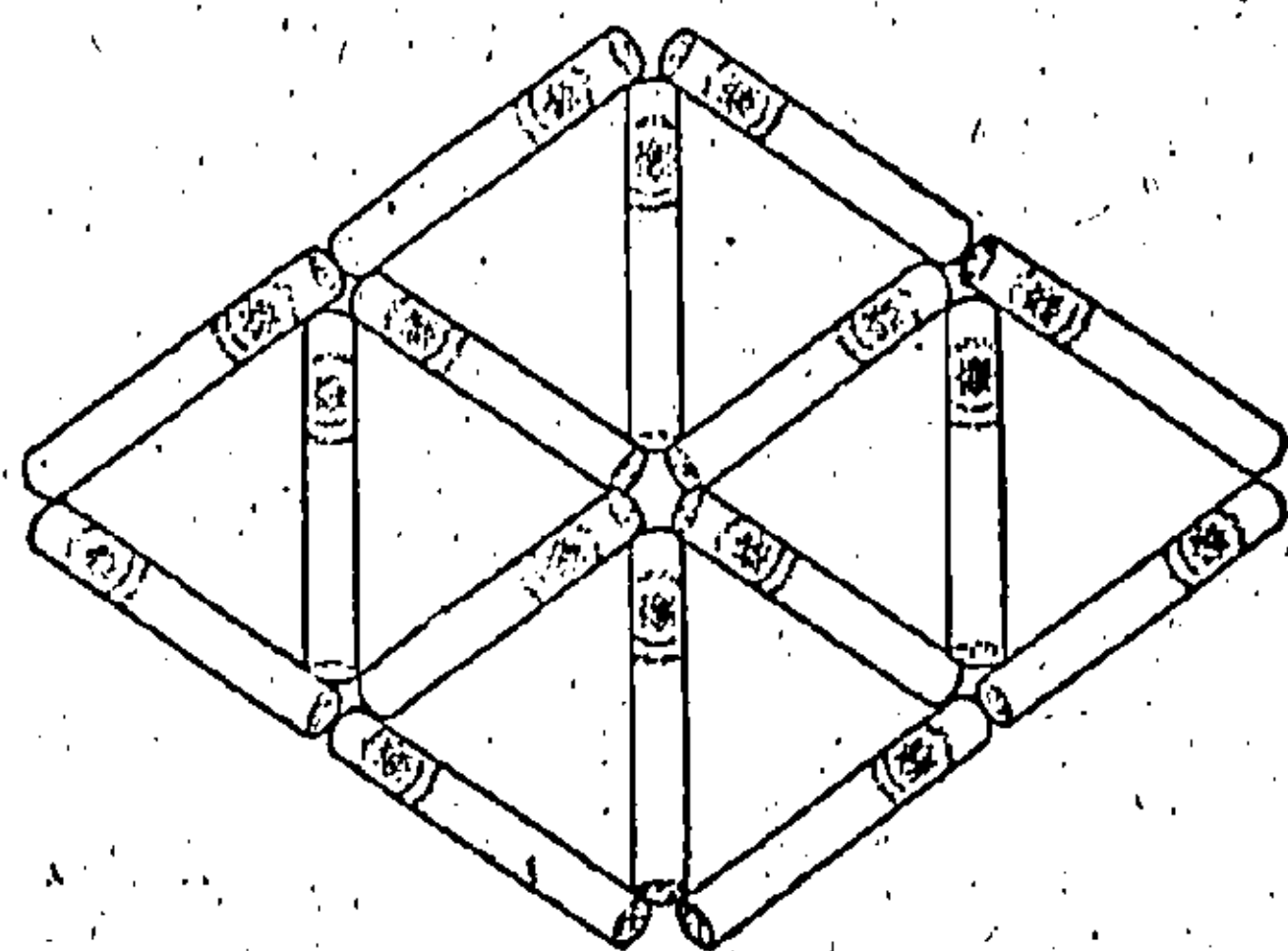
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what you are doing but nobody else

does.

Take away 4 cigarettes



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Give away 4 cigarettes and you will leave 4 completely satisfied smokers if they're

CAPSTAN CIGARETTES



The one children's playground in Chatham Road is not enough nor

This is a most tantalising and elusive problem. We can all note the congestion of the traffic growing from day to day and the compromise which has to do duty for a

This scheme and an explanatory pamphlet (of which a copy was bound in the 1926 Report) was submitted to the C. S. P. and the Automobile Association and, by them approved, after which it was sent to the P. W. D. and there (presumably) remains to this

That serious trouble at the Ferry approach will come sooner or later, with the present tangled state of affairs, is unfortunately almost certain and it would appear that, until it does, the Government will

**A Communal "Oliver Twist."**

Secretary and Mr. Ezra Abraham, Hon. Treasurer. The Committee was constituted as follows.—The Rev. W. Walton Rogers, the Rev. Horace Johnston, Messrs. C.M.

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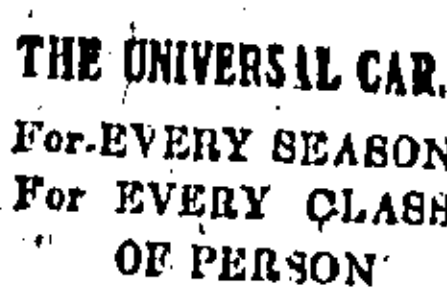
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# THE NEW FORD CAR

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"NINETEEN years ago we made and sold the first Model T Ford car. In announcing it to the public we said:

"We will build a motor car for the great multitude. It will be large enough for the family, but small enough for the individual to run and care for. It will be constructed of the best materials, by the best men to be hired, after the simplest designs modern engineering can devise. But it will be so low in price that no man making a good salary will be unable to own one."

"If I were starting in business to-day, or asked to restate my policy, I would not change one sentence or one word of that original announcement. In plain, simple language it gives the reason for the very existence of the Ford Motor Company and explains its growth.

"IN THE last nineteen years we have made 15,000,000 Ford cars and added to the world nearly 300,000,000 mobile horse-power. Yet I do not consider the machines which bear my name simply as machines. I take them as concrete evidence of the working out of a theory of business which I hope is something more than a theory of business—a theory that looks toward making this world a better place in which to live.

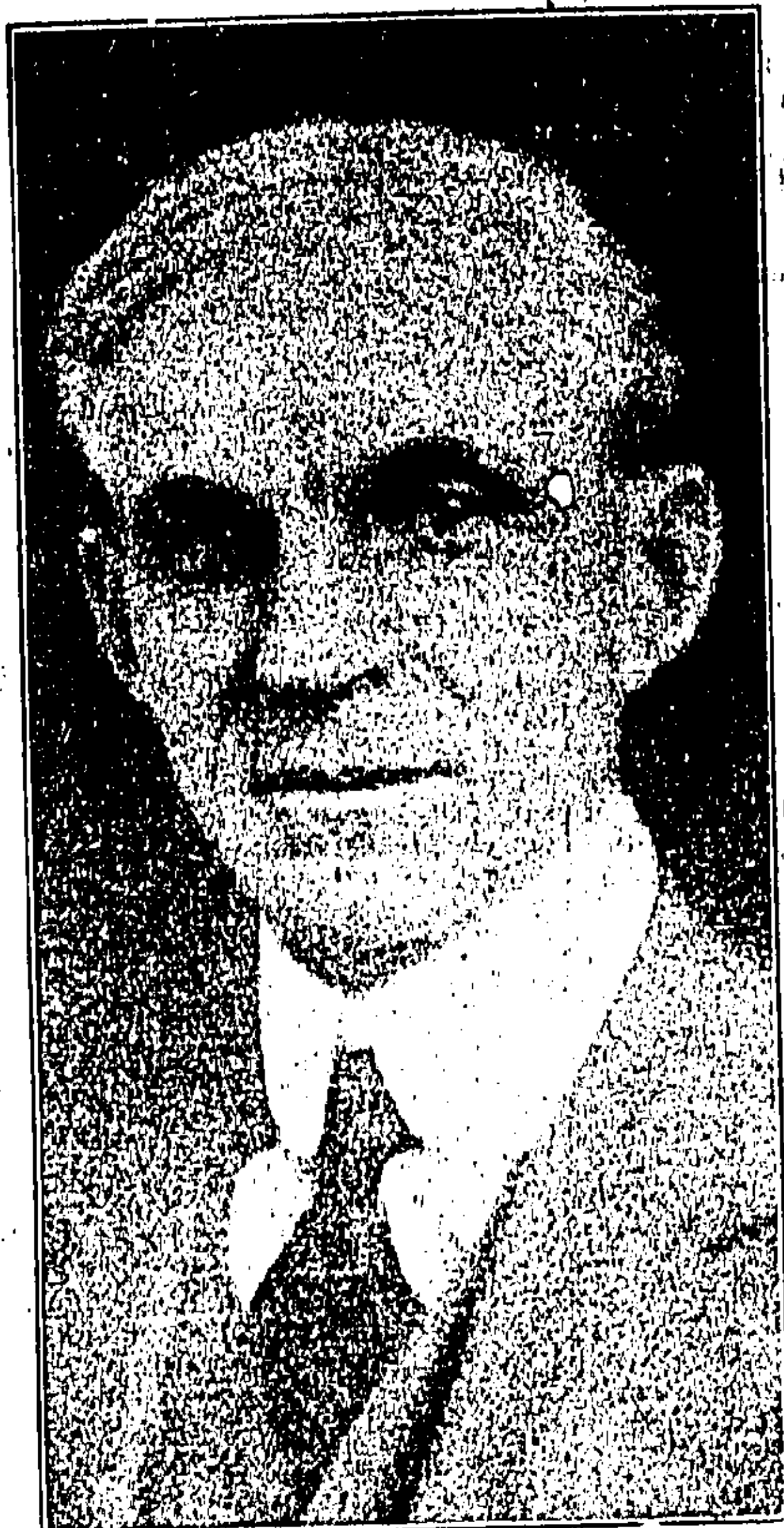
"The Model T Ford car was a pioneer. There was no conscious public need of motor cars when we first conceived it. There were few good roads and only the adventurous few could be induced to buy an automobile.

"The Ford car blazed the way for the motor industry and started the movement for good roads. It broke down the barriers of time and distance and helped to place education within the reach of all. It gave people more leisure. It helped people everywhere to do more and better work in less time and enjoy doing it. It did a great deal, I am sure, to promote the growth and progress of every community.

"We are still proud of the record of the Model T Ford car. If we were not, we would not have continued to manufacture it so long. But 1928 is not 1908. It is not 1915. It is not even 1926.

*We have built a new car to meet modern conditions*

"We realize that conditions all over the world have so greatly changed in the last few years that further refinement in motor car construction is desirable.



So we have built a new car. To put it simply—we have built a new and different Ford to meet new and different conditions.

"We believe the new Ford car, which will be officially announced on Saturday of this week, is as great an improvement in motor car building as the Model T Ford was in 1908.

*Smart new low lines and beautiful colours*

"The new Ford is more than a car for the requirements of to-day. It goes farther than that. It anticipates the needs of 1928, of 1929, of 1930.

"The new Ford car is radically different from Model T. Yet the basic Ford principles of economy of production and quality of product have been retained. There is nothing quite like the new Ford anywhere in quality and price.

"The new Ford has exceptional beauty of line and colour because beauty of line and colour has come to be considered, and I think rightly, a necessity in a motor car to-day. Equally important is the mechanical beauty of the engine. Let us not forget this mechanical beauty when we consider the beauty of the new Ford.

By  
**HENRY  
FORD**

"The new Ford has unusual speed for a low-price car because present-day conditions require unusual speed.

"The world moves more quickly than it used to. There are only so many hours in the day and there is much to be done.

"Fifty and sixty miles an hour are desired to-day where thirty and forty would have satisfied in 1908. So we are giving you this new speed.

*Quiet and smooth-running  
at all speeds*

"The new Ford will ride comfortably at fifty and sixty miles an hour. It has actually done sixty-five miles an hour in road tests.

"Since modern conditions demand more speed, they also demand better brakes to balance this speed. So we are giving you four-wheel brakes in the new Ford.

"The new Ford will be quiet and smooth-running at all speeds and you will find it even easier to handle in traffic than the old Model T Ford.

"The new Ford has durability because durability is the very heart of motor car value. The Ford car has always been known as a car that will take you there and bring you back. The new Ford will not only do that, but it will do it in good style. You will be proud of the new Ford.

"THIS new Ford car has not been planned and made in a day. Our engineers began work on it several years ago and it has been in my mind much longer than that. We make automobiles quickly when we get in production. But we take a long time planning them. Nothing can hurry us in that. We spent twelve years in perfecting our former Model T Ford car before we offered it to the public. It is not conceivable that we should have put this new Ford car on the market until we were sure that it was mechanically correct in every detail.

"Every part of it has been tested and re-tested. There is no guessing as to whether it will be a successful model. It has to be. There is no way it can escape being so, for it represents the sum total of all we have learned about motor-car building in the making of 15,000,000 automobiles.

*The new Ford will sell at  
a low price*

"The price of the new Ford is low in accordance with the established Ford policy. I hold that it is better to sell a large number of cars at a reasonably small margin of profit than to sell a few cars at a large margin of profit.

"We never forget that people who buy Ford cars are the people who helped to make this business big. It has always been our policy to share our profits with our customers.

"No other automobile can duplicate the new Ford car at the Ford price because no other manufacturer does business the way we do.

"We make our own steel—we make our own glass—we mine our own coal—we make virtually every part used in the Ford car. But we do not charge a profit on any of these items or from these operations. We would not be playing fair with the public if we did so. Our only business is the automobile business. Our only profit is on the automobile we sell.

"WE ARE able to sell this new Ford car at a low price because we have found new ways to give you greater value without a great increase in our own costs.

"We did not set out to make a new car to sell at such-and-such a figure. We decided on the kind of car we wanted to make and then found ways to produce it at a low price.

"The new Ford car, as I have said, will be officially announced on Saturday of this week. In appearance, in performance, in comfort, in safety, in all that goes to make a good car, it will bear out everything I have said here. We consider it our most important contribution thus far to the progress of the motor industry, to the prosperity of all countries, and to the daily welfare of millions of people."

*Henry Ford*  
**FORD MOTOR COMPANY**  
Detroit, Michigan



## OUR NEW SERIAL

## THE VANISHING VENGEANCE

By DOUGLAS NEWTON.

Author of "Double Crossed," "Low Ceilings," "Green Ladders," &amp;c.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

Joyce was too startled even to be shocked. He was looking at her whimsically, his air half apologetic, half humorous. Irrelevantly she thought how extraordinarily like his mother he was with his hat off. He had the same air of fineness, dignity, and distinction.

Then suddenly she was afraid for him.

"Oh," she whispered, "don't you know they are hunting the whole district for you?"

"Nobody knows it better, Miss Alley," he smiled back, keeping his voice low. "I had the deuce of a job dodging the cordon."

"But," she cried in an agonised whisper, "it is Otto Rigg who is urging on the hunt. Otto Rigg—and this is his house."

"That's one of the reasons why I chose it," he answered. "Who would think of looking for me in the very den of the spider? But there were several reasons why I had to come here."

"What reasons could there be for running such a risk?"

"The one that counts most at the moment is that I wanted to see you, see if you were safe. I feel, Miss Alley, I have been the cause of dragging you into a most dangerous situation. Then I wanted to hear news. Finally, I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the warning you sent through my mother."

"Oh, you got that," she breathed. "You did get that message?"

"Indeed I did, and it was a most timely warning, as events have shown."

"But events have shown," she protested, "that you ignored that warning."

"Far from it," he said, gravely. "It saved my life."

"Saved your life," she cried in astonishment. "Saved your life?"

He looked at her quickly, searchingly. "Ah," he said, "something else has happened. Tell me."

She stared at him. "Don't you know what they are hunting you for now?" she asked in agony.

"Is it for something extra, then?"

"For murder," she said, scarcely above a breath.

"Murder!" He stood still, suddenly deadly white. "You mean I killed—Stroch?"

"No," she said, despair coming to her at his answer. "Not Stroch. A man from the Public Trustee's office. A Mr. Dudley. Rapidly she told about Mr. Dudley, what he was doing down there, how, she suspected, he had followed up her hint and hidden on the Common for him. Perhaps it ought not to have told him about you and the Common," she ended.

"You did it to save me, Joyce," from Stroch," he said, quickly. "What sort of man was this Dudley? Big? As big as Stroch?"

"No, rather small. Small built and slim."

"I don't think I killed him," he said.

"You don't think—?"

"I don't think I did," he said, evenly. "That means I don't know, you will see. Well, I don't know, either. I had been to Fedden's."

"They know about that," she whispered, quickly.

"Already?" he cried. "Ah, good! Again his harshness affronted Joyce, she stepped back from him."

"Fedden is dead," she said, against his manner.

He stared at her for a minute, checked by her tone. Then he said, quietly, "I can't be sorry, Joyce. I did not mean him to die, but I can't be sorry. And if you knew you would see I could not be sorry."

She still stood and stared at him; but something in his tone had touched her, yet she still waited for an explanation. What was this mysterious task that made him so cruel and ruthless?

"You are wanting me to tell you why, Joyce," he said, reading her. "I can't do that yet. Not until my work is done. He waited a moment for her answer.

"Shall we leave that?" he asked. "It means misunderstanding and bad feeling between us?"

She nodded, and he went on at once.

"I had left Fedden. I was striking straight across the Common when I heard a shout, and there was somebody in the distance, running after me. I ran myself. Soon I became aware that there were several—two at least after me. I ran harder. Then there came a shot. I did not hear the bullet, curiously, only the shot. I just had a glimpse of the man who had fired it at me. He seemed to me a big man as he stood on the sky-line, Stroch, I thought, and I saw he was ready to fire again. I fired my own pistol, not at him, but into

the air, so that the sound of the bullet above him would warn him that I was going to stand no nonsense, and also, I felt, it would make his aim shaky. Almost on top of my shot his spoke, two shots almost together. I thought I had shaken him, for, as I ran, there were no more shots. And when I glanced round the man had vanished."

"That may have been because you had hit him?" said Joyce, with a little moan.

"Yes," he said, slowly, "it may have been that. But I feel that this man was bigger, and I feel that my bullet went too high to touch him."

"And Mr. Dudley is dead, shot dead," said Joyce, in a strangled voice. "That is certain, anyhow."

"Yes, that is certain," he said, gravely. "But I feel I didn't kill him."

"But who did kill him?" moaned Joyce. "Stroch was firing at you."

"I don't know," he said. "I don't know."

"And the dead man accused you," said Joyce.

"He couldn't have!" cried Martin Stannard, started.

Joyce told him about the last moments of Mr. Dudley, and he listened staring, puzzled. For a full five minutes he was silent.

"No," he said, in a harsh voice, "I don't understand it. I feel certain I did not kill him."

"I don't see how I could. We'll have to leave that until I can think it out clearly, steadily."

"I ran out, as I was telling you, and hid in my usual place."

"In the Dark House?" she demanded, impulsively. He looked at her for a minute.

"I had better not say, Joyce," he said.

"But we searched the Dark House from top to bottom, we tapped and poked about. Otto Rigg and Stroch left nothing to chance."

"A very smile twisted his lips. 'I think I can tell you that I know how badly they were baffled,' he said. 'Well, after the search had moved away, and while the coast was clear for the moment, I came on here. I got in when the man on watch went round to spy on you at the garage. That is all. Now you must tell me your story, Joyce. I want to know how those soundrels are dealing with you.'

"You came for that?"

"For little else—I am afraid for you, Joyce. Tell me everything, your safety depends on it."

Joyce told him, unreservedly, all that had happened since she had talked with him on the Common—it was only last night? It seemed years ago.

He listened with great attention, asking questions now and then. His face became anxious when she told him of Stroch's threats, and of the terrible moment in Otto Rigg's study before Hugo had come in with the news of Fedden, which she felt had saved her life.

She told him of the coming of the detective, Mainwaring, and of her being sent out of the room, and of the goons that had been put over her in the passage and in the garden.

"I feared it, I feared it," he said at the end of her story. "Otto Rigg is absolutely ruthless and without scruple. He will stop at nothing to protect himself. He means you evil, Joyce. We must get you away from here. He thought for a moment. 'Tomorrow morning,' he said at last, 'you must see either the detective or the police-sergeant at all costs. From what you tell me of the detective, I fancy he has already made up his mind to have a word with you. Tell him everything you know quite candidly—even about me, for I know how to look after myself. Tell him about all things of your fears of Otto Rigg, and of the threats. That will safeguard you. Otto Rigg is as cunning and clever as a fiend. Not until I have defeated Otto Rigg utterly are you—or any of us—safe from him.'

Joyce suddenly remembered Stroch's talk with Otto. "Who is, or was, Annie Purvis?" she asked. "Annie Purvis?" his tone was startled. "Why do you ask that, Joyce?"

She told him what she had overheard, told him of Stroch's admiration of Otto Rigg's handling of Annie Purvis, of Otto's own admission that he had taught Annie Purvis what it meant to cross Otto Rigg.

"The brute!" snarled Martin Stannard. "The cruel-hearted devil. I always feared that was what had happened to Annie. And, after all, that is Otto's method of getting rid of honest people."

"He got rid of her?" gasped Joyce. "How did he get rid of her?"

"The brute!" snarled Martin Stannard, harshly. "She is serving a sentence now for defrauding Consolidated Explosives. She was the head book-keeper in that infamous company. She knew too much—and Otto Rigg silenced her that way."

(To be continued.)

## WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

A MOVIE AXIOM BADLY BUSTED.

## WATCHING WITH INTEREST.

New York, Jan. 10.—An experiment—almost the most unusual in modern, highly specialized picture production—centres around the famous Hungarian playwright, Ernest Vajda.

Vajda has just been appointed supervisor of production for all stories which he himself writes for the movies.

It has been axiomatic that celebrated writers brought in to write for the movies were not up to their expected standard in the new medium, and the more say-so an author was given in production the less successful was the picture.

If Vajda breaks this rule and proves he is different, he will stand out as one of the most versatile geniuses in either literature or celluloid. All Hollywood is watching the experiment with great interest.

Already Partly Proved.

There is actually a chance for Vajda. He already has proved he is different. But will he make good in this new and harder test?

Vajda, you remember, began to be heard of in America about four years ago when his play, "Fata Morgana," proved a sensational hit on Broadway. He followed that with "The Harem," in which Lenore Ulric made the town sit up and rub its eyes. Before that he had won fame in his own country.

Less than two years ago he came to America and for more than a year he has been in Hollywood, writing stories for the pictures and studying the new vehicle. His story, "The Cat's Pajamas," proved reasonably successful and his "Service for Ladies," starring Adolphe Menjou, was praised by critics as one of the most deft comedies of the year.

He was promoted on his next story. It was "Serenade," which has just been filmed with Adolphe Menjou again in the lead. When he submitted the story, he was assigned also to prepare the continuity—the technical outline of scenes from which the actual camera shots are made. It was a sign of growing proficiency, and the finished picture in the studio was called his and Menjou's best.

"The Beauty Doctor."

From "Serenade" the author turned to a new story, "The Beauty Doctor," in which Menjou will appear next. After the completion of the material, just the other day, Paramount executives announced that Vajda would have complete supervision of the filming of this and all future stories which he writes. The director of "The Beauty Doctor," working under Vajda, will be Lother Mendes.

The appointment means that Vajda's own conception of his characters, their actions and motives, their spinning of the pattern of the plot, will come out on the screen just as he made them live on paper. To gain this end, he and the director will work closely together, the writer-supervisor suggesting and the director carrying out.

Between the present eminent recognition and his arrival in Hollywood, as movies were concerned, so far as movies were concerned, lies a period of studios toil and unusually patient industry. Vajda came to the films to use his own words, anxious to find out why so many famous authors came down from the stage to the screen with such a big noise and left with such a big silence. After experiments which did not work out so astonishingly, he decided that the fault might be in himself and not necessarily in the movies.

Taking it Apart.

"I decided to learn," said Vajda. "I forgot that I ever was a so-called 'famous playwright' and started to work without any big noise, but in big silence, like a simple workman who has his chance and wants to know what it is all about. I spent time with fellow-workers in every part of the studio. I tore picture-making apart and inspected it bit by bit."

If Vajda succeeds as a supervisor, a system will be achieved which the companies have despaired of for years, to have pictures produced by a single unified authorship, as a novelist writes the story which his imagination has conceived. The best yet attained so far has been to make the director a sort of collaborator and have him alter the story to suit film technique. If Vajda makes good, he may attain the perfectly unified, consistent, ideal film.

"He sent her to gaol on a trumped-up charge," said Martin Stannard, harshly. "She is serving a sentence now for defrauding Consolidated Explosives. She was the head book-keeper in that infamous company. She knew too much—and Otto Rigg silenced her that way."

(To be continued.)

## HAPPY ISLANDERS.

PEOPLE WHO PAY NEITHER RATES NOR TAXES.

## AMENITIES OF BARDSEY.

Carnarvon, Jan. 21.

After an interval of several months Bardsey Island, in Cardigan Bay, is to have its regular religious ministrations and its day school re-established.

Under the auspices of the Calvinistic Methodist Presbytery in Carnarvonshire the Rev. Owen Jones has agreed to take up his home, as he previously did for four years, among the islanders, while Mrs. Jones will take charge of the day school, which, as formerly, will be held in the chapel.

Seventy years ago 140 persons lived on the island and sailing vessels carried on a trade in lobsters and oysters with Liverpool. It was not for a considerable time afterwards that a spot once thronged by devout pilgrims from all parts of the country was deemed of sufficient importance to require the services of a minister of the Gospel.

A similar arrangement to that now entered upon existed until 1925, when the island experienced a great "upheaval." Life proved so monotonous to the younger members of the community—numbering altogether about 35—that they left their homes and settled on the mainland. They were accompanied by "King" Pritchard, the last of the Bardsey dynasty, and he died shortly after changing his country.

The Hon. Frederick Wynn, the owner of Bardsey, had no difficulty in filling the vacant farmsteads with suitable tenants, so that at the moment the population is numerically what it was before the exodus.

Educational Facilities.

This has induced the Carnarvonshire Education Authority to restore to the island its educational facilities, in common with other schools in the county, the children of Bardsey, notwithstanding their isolation, will periodically receive a case of books from the depot of the Carnegie Rural Library.

The Carnarvonshire authority have apparently failed to make good their claim that Pembrokeshire should bear a share of the cost of educating the Bardsey children. As far as can be ascertained, there is no trustworthy historical ground for stating that the island ever belonged to Pembrokeshire; though it is recorded that at one time the island paid its taxes to that county, including a county rate of fourpence.

The islanders are in the enviable position that they pay neither rates nor taxes to any authority. For more than 100 years the island has been in the possession of the Newborough family.

MAKING EUROPE SAFE.

OPINION OF BRITISH MEMORANDUM.

Geneva, Jan. 19.

The memorandum of the British Government on Arbitration and Security has been well received in League circles. In the main the views expressed are thought to be based on sound reasoning, and it is also believed that the memorandum will serve the useful purpose of drawing attention to certain facts which cannot be removed by mere wishes.

A point of the memorandum that is noted approvingly here is the emphasis laid on the fact that arbitration treaties have no sanction, but by the force of public opinion. It is also recognised at Geneva that, much as League enthusiasts would have it otherwise, Great Britain is right in stating that it is improbable that any nation strong enough to use force effectively would at present undertake the general obligation to use force against either of the parties to a dispute which failed to submit the dispute to arbitration or failed to accept or comply with the award.

Sweden and Locarno Model.

With respect to the question of security it is admitted here that while certain States may hold that the British suggestions are not far reaching enough, the British method of proceeding is probably the safest and the soundest. In fact, Locarno may well be taken as a model. The Treaty of Locarno is a mere alliance between a group of friendly States, but it is a bond between nations recently at war. It was designed to avert a specific danger in a specific area. This way should be more efficacious than any mere general system of guarantees could be.

The proposals of the Swedish Government have also been received. They include a project for a collective agreement of conciliation and arbitration on the principles adopted at Locarno.

## OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

MANY ILLS ARE EASILY PREVENTABLE.

## PROTECTING THE WORKERS.

Out of almost 14,000,000 insured workers in Great Britain between 45 per cent. and 50 per cent. were ill at one time or another during the year, and in some districts the percentage of illness rose as high as 80 per cent.

This means that the equivalent of one year's work was lost by each of 4,471,115 persons. The records do not take account of illness of three days' duration or less, nor of the inefficiency and loss due to chronic or vague ill-health which the worker tolerates and for which he does not seek relief or compensation.

All of the nations of the world are giving increasing attention to the care of the health of the worker, because men are only beginning to realize what a tremendous economic drain illness in industry really is.

The Common Cold.

As indicated by Dr. Leonard P. Lockhart, medical officer of the great firm in England known as the Boots Pure Drug Co., 20 per cent. of the loss of time of workers in 1924, which was an average year, was due to the common cold, 14 per cent. to rheumatism and similar troubles, 13 per cent. to influenza, 12 per cent. to indigestion, 10 per cent. to injuries and 7 per cent. to boils and other infections. Thus nearly three-fourths of all the difficulty and the figures for the United States would be about the same, are due to conditions that are largely preventable.

Dr. Lockhart explains simply his conception of the manner in which bad ventilation is related to the causation of colds. The employee works in hot stagnant air which causes the membranes lining the air passages to become relaxed and engorged with blood. On this spongy membrane the germs settle.

Membranes Contract.

Then when the individual goes out into the cold air, the membranes become tense and contract, imprisoning the germs in the crypts. There, where it is warm and moist, they propagate and produce infections. The difficulty can be lessened by having the workers in a cool environment with warm feet and cool heads.

Heating arrangements should have as their ideal the warming of the lower layers of air in the room. The warm air rises. Fans and other ventilating devices can keep it circulating.

Regardless of the notions held by some health teachers, the majority of opinion inclines to the view that the cold draught is not infrequently associated with catching cold.

Windows may be opened wide before work and during the noon hour to ventilate the rooms thoroughly but proper guards should be provided during working hours to keep off cold draughts.

## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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B A R D

W A R D

W O R D

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## To Those who are Married—

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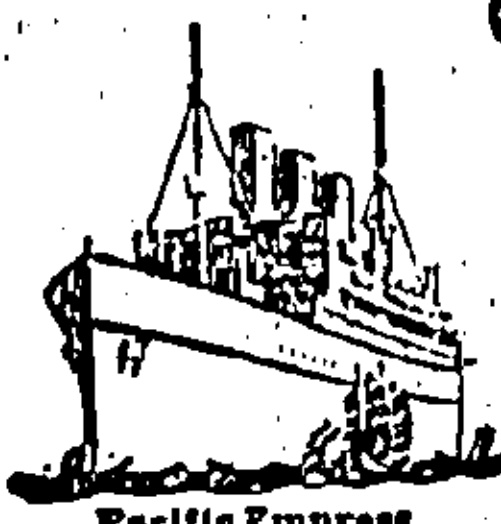


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#### SIR HENRY POLLOCK LOSES TO HOLDER.

The adjourned game between Sir Henry Pollock and C. M. Sequeira, which was commenced on Thursday last, was concluded on Saturday afternoon, when the holder won after a further two hours' play. Sir Henry resigning after his 46th move.

The game throughout was very carefully played, by both, although Sir Henry opened rather indifferently and lost a valuable pawn. He regained his lost advantage, however, and at the adjournment appeared to have a better position than his opponent.

On the resumption Sir Henry offered Sequeira a draw but although the holder was in no doubt of a good position, he had to decline the offer in view of his drawn match with Hunsan.

By his victory, the holder is now the only unbeaten player in the tournament, having only dropped half a point in three matches. Both Sir Henry Pollock and D. E. Carvalho have each lost one game.

Sequeira Draws.  
The positions of the leading players have now reached an interesting stage. C. M. Sequeira, the holder who beat Sir Henry Pollock on Saturday being forced to a draw by C. Choa.

The holder had hitherto only lost half a point while no other player was less than one point down. By drawing last night last year's champion is on even terms with Sir Henry Pollock and Carvalho.

Carvalho heads the tournament with five points out of a possible six with Sequeira and Sir Henry sharing second place with four points each out of a possible five.

The latest results are: C. M. Sequeira beat Sir Henry Pollock; beat A. N. Other and drew with C. Choa; Choa beat S. L. Hunsan and lost to C. E. Wong and D. E. Carvalho; Wong beat S. G. Kumble and lost to A. N. Other.

### LAWN TENNIS.

#### HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The annual lawn tennis tournament of the Hongkong Cricket Club opened yesterday afternoon, when three matches were played in the Club championship, all ending in two-set victories.

The best game was that between the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander and Major W. L. Stevenson. The latter, playing very steady tennis throughout the two sets, won by 6-2, 6-1. A. D. Humphreys beat W. D. Fiddes Wilson, losing only two games, the score being 6-1, 6-1.

The third match was the closest, H. R. Remington defeating J. E. Henry 6-4, 6-3.

The open championships commence on March 1.

### FANLING GOLF.

#### THE RESULT OF THE BOGEY POOL.

The Bogeys Pool played at Fanling over the weekend, ended in a tie between C. C. Stark (10) and E. C. Frederick (12), both of whom finished 2 up and therefore divide the prize.

Other scores were: A. B. Raworth (9), J. P. Sherry (17), all square; T. D. E. Pendered (3), H. F. Bloxham (4), 1 down; G. Murray (2), 2 down. Twenty-nine cards taken out.

### K. R. A. ANNUAL MEETING.

(Continued from page 9.)

Manners, J.M. Noronha, J.H. Hunt, F.C. Mow Fung, W.S. Bailey, F.W. Stapleton, F.J. Easterbrook, B. Wylie, W.J. Stokes, F.H. Crapnell, J.M. Wong, R. Pestonji, T. Arnett, and H.F. Un.

A vote of thanks to the Committee was proposed by Mr. L.R. Ildafonso and carried unanimously.

The new President thanked members for the confidence they had reposed in him and said all matters affecting residents of Kowloon would be considered as they arose whether individual or collectively, national or international.

The new Vice President said he would endeavour to assist the President and Committee in every possible way and work in the best interests of the Association.

#### Hoardings.

Mrs. B. Thompson referred to the subject of advertising hoardings and asked why the Kowloon Residents' Association had particularly objected to the hoarding at the Kowloon Railway Station. Mrs. Thompson read a letter which she said she had sent to the South China Morning Post.

Continuing she said the Advertising and Publicity Bureau had taken everything lying down. She thought there was some personal grudge somewhere. Those present were all business men and they must appreciate the hoarding form of advertising. She asked why they particularised in the name of the K.R.A. and also why they hit at one particular form of advertising. Before the hoarding referred to was built the place was a dump heap. It had now been built on, returned and furnished with plants. Because her organisation had put it up it was an eyesore was it fair or just for British gentlemen to continually agitate that it should be taken down? She was lodging a protest against the attacks made on it.

#### A Minute.

The Chairman said the Committee had had no chance of considering Mrs. Thompson's points. He was sorry to appear abrupt but the Committee was not prepared to answer the question then. It would be unfair to both to do so. He could only ask the Secretary to read the letter written to the Government.

Mr. Manners said he would like to call attention to the minutes as the matter seemed to be more or less a personal attack, possibly on one of the members of the Committee.

At the October meeting the Committee's attention was called to hoardings which were not considered in any way desirable. Considerable discussion followed and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Colonial Secretary protesting against the erection of hoardings in Kowloon and particularly against the one at the Railway Station.

During the discussion Mr. Wylie was present and he particularly stressed the point and asked that

### RECORD SMASHED.

#### CAPTAIN MALCOLM CAMPBELL'S ESCAPE.

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A new land speed record was established yesterday at Daytona Beach, Florida, by Captain Malcolm Campbell, the famous British motorist, in his Napier Blue Bird motorcar, fitted with Napier 450 horse-power Schneider Air Trophy engine.

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#### A Close Call.

Later.  
Captain Campbell experienced a moment of deadly danger after he had completed his task.

His machine was still going at full speed when it struck a soft bump of sand, and swerved dangerously, as if to plunge into the soft sand-dunes, with inevitably fatal results. This threw Captain Campbell half-way from his seat, and momentarily his feet bounced off the brakes and accelerator. His goggles slipped down his face and obstructed his vision, but he righted his machine instantaneously and it roared off, stopping four miles away.—Reuter's American Service.

It is put on record that he had taken no part in the discussion affecting advertising as he said some people might say he had been a party to the business.

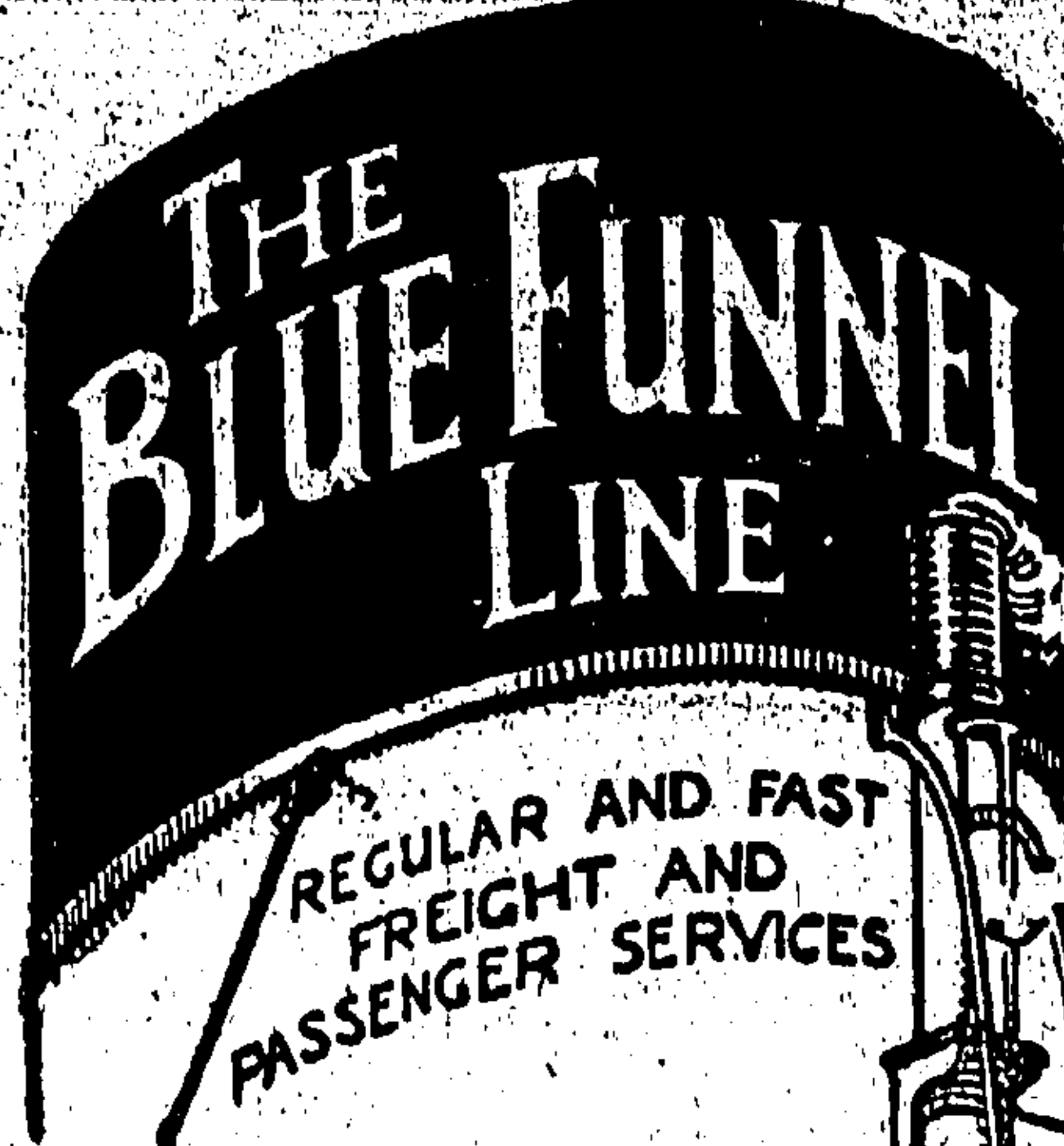
A letter to the Government was read.

#### Chairman's Reply.

Mrs. Thompson asked if the hoarding was more disfiguring than the one which was there before and if any reasonably minded person could object to it. She again referred to the erection at the Railway Station and said attractive designs were replacing the unsightly scenes of old. She quoted West Point and the Dairy Farm wall as instances of this. Since she had been back from Home over 300 people had congratulated her on the new hoarding. She had come to vent a grievance and make a protest.

Mr. Cock said hoardings in general might be very good from the point of view of those advertising but he challenged at once any statement that any hoarding could be made beautiful. The hoarding referred to was in the wrong place and if he had anything to do with it on the Committee, would press for its removal. He could not agree that in its attitude the K.R.A. was doing anything irregular. The Committee would deal with matters without fear or favour, not allowing members to grind a personal axe.

Mr. W. S. Bailey expressed appreciation of the way Mrs. Thompson had presented her case and said he must admire her pluck. The Secretary gave details of the attendance of members of the Committee at meetings and in reply to a suggestion by Mr. Ildafonso, the Chairman said it was intended to form a sub-committee to take steps to increase the membership of the K.R.A.



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Mr. Paul, who has been clerk to the Attorney General (Sir Joseph Kemp) for many years, first came to Hongkong in the year 1908 as a shorthand writer for the Asiatic Petroleum Company, which had then just begun to open an office here. After staying with them for a short while, he secured employment with a local solicitor, and then joined the Government service. He was the first shorthand writer employed by the Government, being given the post of clerk to the late Attorney General (Sir John Bucknill).

Mr. Paul has been prominent in musical circles locally. He was a member of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society, and of St. John's Cathedral Choir from the year 1908, playing the cello in the former's orchestra. It is his proud boast that from the age of 15 years up to 65 he sung alto, but he had to resort to bass in the Cathedral Choir in 1920. He left the Choir early in 1927.

Mr. Paul joined the C.E.M.S. as long ago as 1910, when the military opened a branch here. He was also a member of the Hongkong Male Voice Choir from the year 1908 up to 1926.

In 1924 Mr. Paul undertook to teach the Chinese blind girls at the Home in Kowloon City the violin. He started by allowing them to use his own instrument, but later Mrs. Bewick the lady superintendent, secured sufficient funds to purchase one and Mr. Paul persuaded Mr. Pattenden and Mr. Li Chai-chi to provide the funds for two more. The Home has now three violins and under Mr. Paul's tuition three girls are able to play. They play all the latest community songs, marches and English Church tunes. Mr. Paul gave up his Saturdays for this purpose, a blind pianist assisting at the piano. As a token of their gratitude Mr. Paul was presented by his pupils with some woollen socks knitted by them, and silver tea spoons.

For the past fourteen years Mr. Paul has been clerk to the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, the Attorney General, and he retires, having exceeded the age limit. His many friends in the Colony will wish him a pleasant voyage to India and many happy years of retirement.

## U.S. PRESIDENCY.

### SENATOR REED ACCEPTS NOMINATION.

St. Louis, Feb. 20. With the announcement that Senator James A. Reed permits the use of his name in the Wisconsin primary nominations, his canvas for the Democratic Presidential nomination has been launched. Governor Smith of New York State is generally agreed to be the favorite for this race. *Reuter's American Service.*

## JAPAN ELECTIONS.

### POLLING PROCEEDS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

Tokyo, Feb. 20. The elections opened in brilliant sunshine and the polling booths were well attended.

The Police have been heavily reinforced for the purpose of quelling any possible disorders, but everything has been conducted perfectly quietly up to the present. *Reuter.*

### Carried Out Smoothly.

Tokyo, Feb. 20. Reports from various parts of the country indicate that the election was carried out smoothly and quietly though it is feared that snowstorms in the northwest districts and Hokkaido deterred a somewhat large percentage of the voters from attending the polls, especially in the mountainous areas, where long and arduous journeys were entailed.

At forty odd polling stations scattered all over Tokyo a constant stream of voters from early morning, whose mixture of clothing indicated a democratic nature, were present at the election. Frockcoats, coolie jackets, lounge suits, and flowing kimono all intermingled.

The polling ceased at six in the evening and the ballot boxes will be opened at eight to-morrow morning, when the counting will commence.

The first results will probably be known by evening, though the final are not expected till Thursday. *Reuter.*

## TOUR OF YANGTZE.

### AMERICAN MINISTER TO SEE FOR HIMSELF.

Peking, Feb. 20. Mr. J. V. A. MacMurray, United States Minister to Peking, who intends to tour the Yangtze Valley, entrained this morning for Tsingtau from where he will travel on a cruiser for Shanghai. *Reuter.*

## RUSSIAN SUICIDE.

### TARTAR HIGH OFFICIAL SHOOT HIMSELF.

Riga, Feb. 20. A message from Kazan states that Fokine, who was a Russian Communist before the war, and now deputy chief of the Penzance and Workmen's Inspectorate in the so-called Tartar Autonomous Republic, has shot himself. *Reuter.*

## MORE EXPULSIONS.

### TROTSKY'S FOLLOWERS BANNED.

Riga, Feb. 20. The Moscow newspaper Pravda reports that a hundred more "incorrigibles" from various parts of Russia, who sympathize with Trotsky, have been expelled. *Reuter.*

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

### NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA LINE.

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## NO MORE LEPROSY.

### VERY CHEAP CURE.

London, Feb. 20. The newspapers report that British scientists have developed a cure for leprosy, known as the Hydronacrus oil remedy, which will be used in a fresh campaign shortly to be launched to stamp out leprosy in the Empire.

Thousands are concentrated for treatment in a chain of leper asylums throughout Asia and Africa and it is anticipated that many more centres will be opened shortly.

Hydronacrus oil is obtained from the dried fruit of the *Hydnocarpus* tropical tree, which it is intended to plant in all parts of Empire where leprosy exists. The cure is stated to be 100 per cent. effective in the early stages of the disease and 20 or 30 per cent. in advanced cases.

Sir Leonard Rogers, Secretary of the Empire Leprosy Relief Association, who did much research work in India, and who has been prominently identified with the development of the cure says that the treatment was for six months in early cases and one year when the disease is more advanced. The cost of the cure has been greatly reduced the last twelve months and doses sufficient for a year only cost half a crown. *British Wireless.*

## LATE LORD OXFORD.

### FUNERAL SERVICES OF SIMPLE CHARACTER.

London, Feb. 20. Lord Oxford's request that he should be buried with the utmost simplicity has been faithfully observed. The coffin was carried by servants from his house to the parish church at Sutton Courtley last night after an eventful service, and the villagers remained to take part in a very brief funeral service.

The interment takes place in the churchyard shortly after noon today and is being preceded by a service conducted by the Bishop of Oxford. The memorial service at Westminster Abbey will be held to-morrow. *British Wireless.*

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KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
MIRZAPORE	6,715	18th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
INAGPORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,988	26th May	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Marseilles & London

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MIRZAPORE	6,715	24th Feb. D light	Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	9,144	24th Feb 6 a.m.	Moji & Kobe
MONGOLIA	16,504	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
TAKIWA	7,936	2nd Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
INAGPORE	5,283	12th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
MANTUA	10,946	16th Mar.	Shanghai
LAHORE	5,252	19th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
JEYPORE	6,318	10th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MALWA	10,988	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
T. NDA	6,956	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	11th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RANPURA	10,601	25th May	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
N. KEIN	7,058	4th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko

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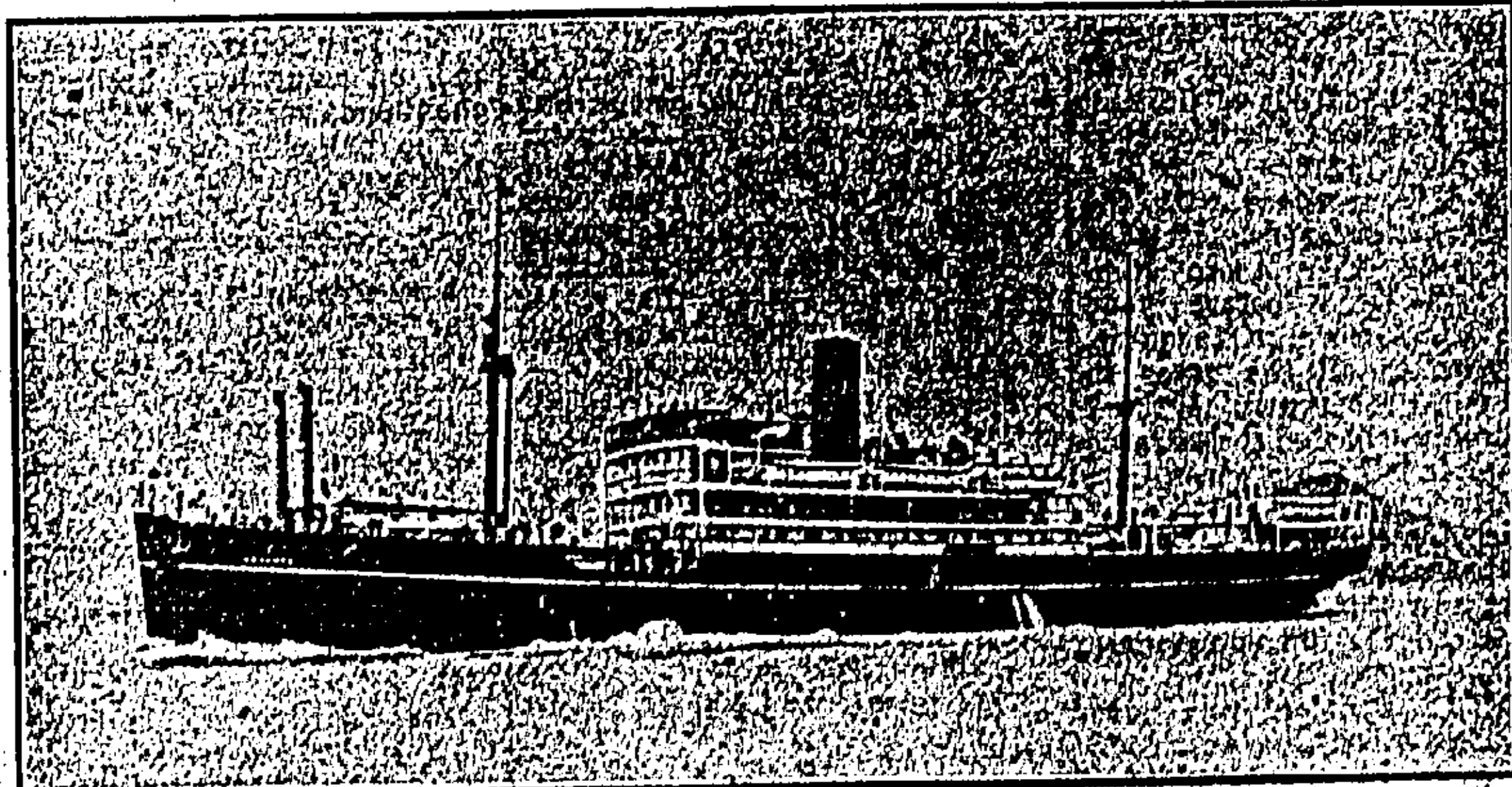
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MANY PNEUMONIA  
DEATHS.SEVENTEEN FILIPINOS DIE  
AT SEA.

## ON PRESIDENT BOAT.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.  
The Dollar Company reports  
that 17 Filipinos died of pneu-  
monia aboard the s.s. President  
Cleveland between Manila and  
Honolulu and that there were 15  
cases of pneumonia and one of  
small-pox when the ship arrived  
in Honolulu to-day.

The President Cleveland hasten-  
ed to arrive a day ahead of  
schedule.  
First class passengers aboard  
the ship are not ill, it was said.  
The persons exposed to small-pox  
will be vaccinated. About 500  
Filipinos are aboard the Cleveland.

Honolulu, Feb. 16.  
With the Pacific ocean as their  
grave, the seventeen Filipino  
emigrants who died of broncho-  
pneumonia aboard the Dollar liner  
President Cleveland while en route  
from Manila to Honolulu were  
buried at sea. Before being low-  
ered into the sea, a service was  
held for each.

The epidemic which took such a  
heavy toll of life broke out be-  
tween Shanghai and Kobe, follow-  
ing a sudden drop in temperature  
between Manila and Shanghai.  
Dr. George Belden, ship's physi-  
cian, declared that every effort  
was made to save the afflicted per-  
sons.

When the seriousness of the  
epidemic became apparent the  
liner was placed under forced  
draft, and it arrived here a day  
ahead of schedule, with 15 of its  
Filipino passengers suffering from  
pneumonia and one from small-  
pox. Of these, eight are recover-  
ing, while the condition of the  
others is undetermined.

There were about 500 Filipinos  
aboard the vessel. The first class  
passengers were not affected by  
the epidemic.

GARAGE OWNERS  
SUMMONED.CASES NOW ADJOURNED  
INDEFINITELY.

The cases in which the owners  
of ten different garages were sum-  
moned under new regulations re-  
quiring that the garages must  
first be inspected and licensed be-  
fore they could be used as such,  
were again before Major Wilson  
at the Police Court this morning.  
At the hearing last Friday, Mr.  
F. H. Loseby, who appeared for  
the defence, suggested that the re-  
gulation was not made in pur-  
suance of the Section of the Or-  
dinance under which the summon-  
ses were taken out; that, in fact,  
the regulation was ultra vires of  
the Ordinance; and that the  
Executive had overstepped their  
powers when it made a regulation  
which was not backed up by the  
Ordinance. Finally, Mr. Loseby  
said the remedy was in the hands  
of his Worship sitting as a Magis-  
trate between the Executive and  
the public.

His Worship adjourned the case  
on Friday, to consider the point  
raised by Mr. Loseby.

## Work to be Done.

When the case was resumed this  
morning, Mr. Loseby said:—"Since  
I last appeared before your Wor-  
ship, I have had an opportunity  
of speaking with the Captain  
Superintendent of Police, and he  
suggests that rather than giving  
an adverse decision so far as he  
is concerned or giving an adverse  
decision so far as I am concerned,  
your Worship will adjourn the  
summonses sine die. The position  
is this—my clients will have great  
difficulty, if they comply with the  
C. S. P.'s regulations or means  
necessary to make these garages  
safe, as it will cost them money  
amounting to hundreds of dollars.  
What they promise to do now is to  
apply at once for the C. S. P.'s  
permit and to proceed with the  
work that is necessary. If they  
don't proceed, then these sum-  
monses will come before your  
Worship once more. Of course,  
this applies to all the cases in  
which I am concerned. I think  
your Worship will find it desirable  
to do that, in all these cases. Of  
course, the application is made by  
Inspector Alexander."

On Inspector Alexander ac-  
quiescing in this, his Worship  
adjourned all the ten summonses  
sine die, as applied for.

A similar decision was also  
made in one other case in which  
Mr. Horace Lo appeared for  
another garage, which was sum-  
moned in respect of a like offence.  
There were present in the Court  
Mr. H. T. Brooks, the Superintendent  
of the Fire Department, and  
Mr. G. C. Moss, Station Officer,  
who, it was understood, were to  
have given evidence on the condi-  
tion of the garages from the fire  
protection point of view.

ALL-IMPORTANT  
WATER QUESTION.SENNAR DAM BENEFIT TO  
EGYPT.

London, Feb. 20.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was  
asked in the House of Commons,  
about the capacity of the Sennar  
Dam in relation to the require-  
ments of Sudan Gezira, and how  
the method of operating the dam  
affected navigation on the Nile in  
Egypt and the supply of irriga-  
tion water during the summer.

Sir Austen replied, "The  
quantity of water stored at Sennar  
last year, exceeded the require-  
ments of Sudan Gezira by 400,  
000,000 cubic metres, and it is  
estimated the same surplus will  
be available this year for the  
benefit of Egypt."

"Were the Sennar Dam not in  
existence, this additional supply  
would have already flowed unused  
to the sea so that the dam so far  
from damaging Egypt, has hitherto  
had the effect of increasing her  
water supply at a period when it  
is most required."

"Arrangements for filling and  
emptying the Sennar reservoir  
both last year and this year, were  
especially designed to meet Egypt's  
requirements. They were sub-  
mitted to and approved by the  
Egyptian Ministry of Public  
Works."

"The reservoir has not affected  
navigation in Egypt. Such inter-  
ference as has recently occurred is  
the result of the recent decision of  
the Egyptian Government to stop  
greatly increased volumes of  
water at Assuan.—British Wire-  
less.

## EIGHT VILLAGES TO GO.

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With this end in view, an ex-  
gratia payment of ¼ cent was  
added to the usual resumption rates  
for agricultural land in remote  
parts of the Territory and included  
in the above figures. In all cases  
the new village sites are in a more  
populous neighbourhood than the  
old.

## Pineapples.

There are 42.14 acres under  
pineapples, in 94 holdings, each  
holding subdivided into smaller  
lots. Compensation will be made  
by Government at the evacuation  
at \$20 per 1,000 growing pine-  
apples, irrespective of age, and in  
order to encourage the owners to  
carry on the industry elsewhere,  
they will have the option of re-  
moving the plants. The new vil-  
lages have where possible been  
sited with reference to their suit-  
ability for pineapple growing,  
and their proximity to land suit-  
able for forestry and grass-  
cutting.

Graves will not be interfered  
with, except where they are with-  
in the area to be inundated, when  
they will be removed by the vil-  
lagers. No new graves will be  
allowed.

## Total Cost.

The total cost is therefore:—  
Resumption for sites, \$3,839.31;  
site-preparation, \$31,500; wells,  
\$2,400; houses, \$170,148 and  
\$8,346; agricultural resumptions,  
\$54,122.47; forestry resumptions,  
\$15,250; pineapple resumptions,  
\$8,428; fung shui or fruit trees,  
\$2,165; incidental expenses, \$700;  
total, \$296,898.78.

FATAL FLIGHT  
RECALLED.NAVAL OFFICER'S BODY  
FOUND.

Ventura (Cal.) Feb. 16.

The body of a man believed to be  
that of Lieut. Vilas R. Knope, San  
Diego naval officer who navigated  
the ill-fated biplane, Miss Doran,  
in the Dole air race, from San  
Francisco to Honolulu, was washed  
ashore here to-day. Identification  
was impossible, except that pieces  
of clothing were identified as being  
parts of a naval uniform.

The Miss Doran left San Francis-  
co last Aug. 12, but never reached  
its destination, nor was any trace  
of it ever found. The ship was  
named after its passenger, Miss  
Mildred Doran, a school teacher,  
John Pedlar was pilot.

## FAIR WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory weather  
report states:—"The anticyclone  
has weakened. It is now central  
to the East of Shanghai. A de-  
pression is shown to the North-  
east of Japan. Strong monsoon  
may be expected over the China  
Sea. The forecast till noon to-  
morrow is:—"North-east winds,  
fresh; fair."

MR. HOOVER FOR  
PRESIDENT.BITTER CAMPAIGN EXPECTED  
TO RESULT.

## REPUBLICAN SPLIT.

Washington, Feb. 12.

The Secretary of Commerce, Mr.  
Herbert Hoover, to-day became an  
avowed candidate for the  
Republican nomination for Presi-  
dent.

The declaration of his candidacy  
was contained in a letter to Mr.  
T. S. Brown, chairman of the Ohio  
Hoover for president committee,  
in which he gave his Ohio sup-  
porters permission to enter his  
name in the Ohio primary election.

The letter said:  
"I should consider it my duty to  
carry forward the principles of the  
Republican party and the great  
objectives of President Coolidge's  
policies. My conviction that I  
should not strive for the nomina-  
tion and my obligations as secre-  
tary of commerce preclude me  
from making a personal campaign.  
I must rely upon my friends in  
Ohio to conduct it in a fair  
manner."

Observers interpreted Mr.  
Hoover's entry into the presiden-  
tial campaign as the beginning of  
a sharp contest between him and  
Senator Willis, of Ohio, who  
previously had announced his can-  
didacy.

When informed that Secretary  
Hoover had entered the Ohio presi-  
dential primary, Senator Willis  
said that he was ready for the con-  
test, perfectly confident of the  
result.

"The people of Ohio know about  
my Republicanism," he asserted.  
"I've been there all my life. My  
policies and platform are well  
known. When the primary is over  
Mr. Hoover will know then  
whether these self-appointed  
friends of his who dragged him  
into this contest apparently  
against his wishes, have been  
advised correctly."

## Bitter Primary Campaign.

Columbus, Feb. 12.

As a result of Secretary  
Hoover's entry into the presiden-  
tial campaign to-day, one of the  
most bitterly fought presidential  
primaries in the history of the  
state has been predicted.

Mr. Fred W. Warner, chairman  
of the state central committee,  
warned that the Hoover movement  
will disrupt the party and deliver  
the state into the hands of the  
Democrats next fall, because "the  
politicians handling Hoover's cam-  
paign will go through the state  
promising all the appointments  
possible to swing votes to Hoover."

MURDER OF AGED  
WOMAN.

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attempt to protect her lover, but  
the final story could not be so  
explained.

## Obviously False.

His Lordship added that he did  
not think her final story was one  
that could be wholly believed, nor  
did it satisfactorily cover all  
the circumstances of the case.  
Her explanation of having herself  
put blood on one of the choppers  
seemed obviously false and she  
had made a statement to the police  
magistrate which also seemed to  
be obviously false. It seemed to  
be difficult to avoid coming to the  
conclusion that the prisoner had  
assisted a man to the extent of  
using one of the choppers herself.

Remarking that it was entirely  
in the hands of the jury, his Lord-  
ship said the case was of a most  
serious nature, as sentence of  
death would have to be passed if a  
verdict of "Guilty" were returned.

The jury retired for 14 minutes,  
and, on returning, brought in a  
unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty."  
The prisoner was accordingly  
discharged.

New Zealand's exports for the  
year 1927 totalled £48,496,354 and  
imports £44,782,946, showing an  
excess of exports over imports of  
£3,713,408. The figures for the  
previous year showed an excess of  
imports of nearly £5,000,000.

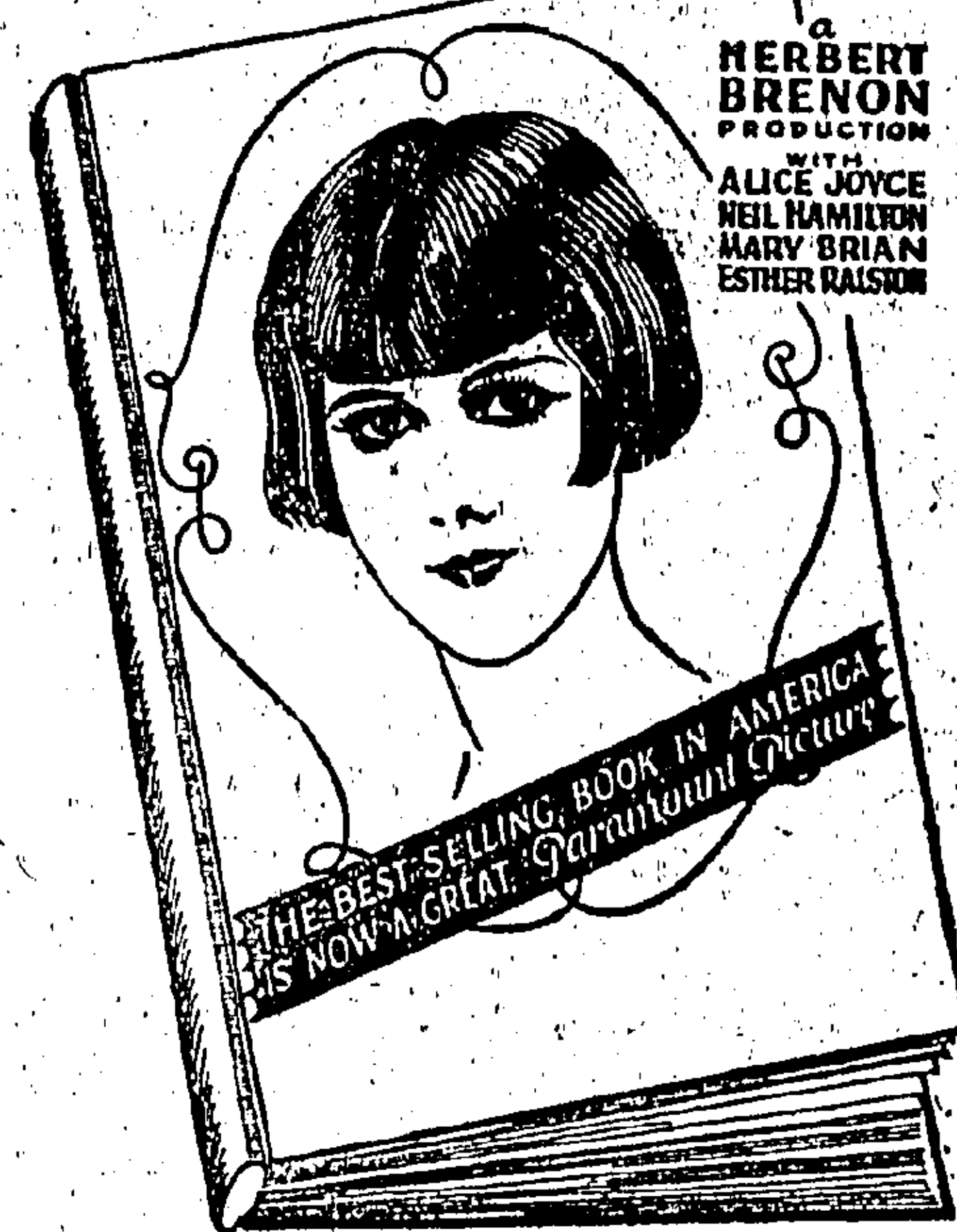
## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to  
to-day's questions:—

1. To find the methods of handling and  
distributing Canadian products in Great  
Britain. 2. £3,600 to endow a Fellowship,  
contained in the will of Sir Arthur Shipley,  
late master of the college. 3. A standard  
form of building contract has been agreed  
upon by the institutions representing archi-  
tects, surveyors, and builders. 4. Thirty-four,  
according to Lord Gainsford, president of the  
Federation of British Industries. 5. Valhalla.  
6. Milton Webster; Verdict: Charles Eads;  
Lily; Gibbons. 7. (a) An exaggeration, (b)  
a mathematical curve, c. Nitro-glycerine.  
8. Franz Hals; Millet; Rembrandt; Sir  
Joshua Reynolds; Raphael. 10. (a) Asia.  
(b) Africa. 11. It is the largest number which  
will divide into two or more given numbers  
and leave no remainder. 12. Obadiah.

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